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MEETING THE NEEDS OF GROWTH AND CHANGE

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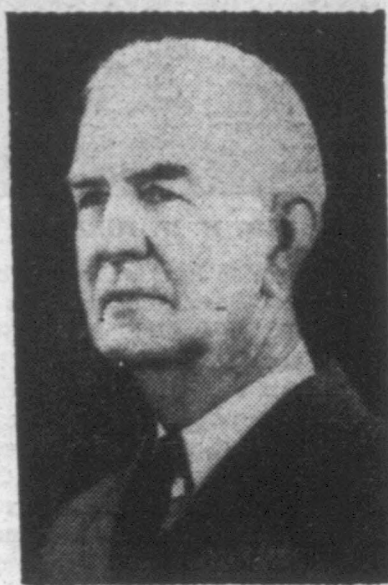
In the beginning of our American history, Baptists were organization-shy. Well might they have been, for the memory of persecution at the hands of the hierarchy and the establishment was fresh and bitter. Soul-liberty and the independence of the churches were highly prized ideals. Yet organization was necessary to the functioning of the local church and of the churches as a body.

The Sunday school suited our need for a teaching agency. Woman's Missionary Union developed as an effective means of channeling the concern of our church women for missions. The Training Union afforded a necessary and well adapted plan for training in church membership. The Brotherhood came as a logical program for the enlistment and utilization of the men. These agencies of the churches required promotion and guidance through corresponding Convention Agencies—Home and Foreign Mission Boards, the Sunday School Board, Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood headquarters.

Not unnaturally, the church organizations grew up independently. From beginning, each agency made its plans and provided materials with little reference to the other agencies. At first this presented no great difficulty, but with the growth in numbers and the development of complex church and denominational life, interdependence came to be as needful as independence. Lacking this interdependence, the program of our churches has tended to develop conflicting interests and activities, to become wasteful of time and energy and to make excessive demands upon pastor and inner circle of leadership. The plea for relief demands upon pastor and inner circle of leadership. The plea for relief from overburden of

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10,000 Expected In Memphis For Baptist Convention



M. P. L. BERRY

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The forty-second volume of "The Tribesman" yearbook published by the students of Mississippi College is off the press and is being delivered to the students this week.

Charles Tolbert, of Philadelphia, Mississippi, is the Editor and this is his second year in this position. He is the only student ever to serve two successive years as editor of the Tribesman.

Charles Ray of San Angelo, Texas, is Business Manager, and Peggy Berry of Prentiss is Assistant Editor. Robert Wall of Brookhaven had charge of the photography, and Porter Puryear was the general assistant. Other staff members are: Beverly Ferrell,

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Woman's Missionary Union Meet Begins May 18

MEMPHIS, Tenn. —(BP)— Ten thousand Baptists from 20 states extending across the American continent will converge on Memphis May 19-23 for what is expected to be the largest religious gathering in America in 1948.

It will be the 91st session and the 103rd year for the Southern Baptist Convention, which organization lists 26,764 cooperating churches with a total membership of 6,270,819, according to Porter Routh of Nashville, statistician and Convention secretary. The membership showed a gain of 191,514 during the year 1947.

OKLAHOMA CITY INVITES 1949 CONVENTION

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. —(BP)— Oklahoma City Baptists will invite the Southern Baptist Convention to hold its 1949 session here.

Dr. Andrew Potter, state secretary of the Oklahoma Baptist Convention, announced that an auditorium seating 8,000 people and rooming accommodations for approximately 10,000 will be available for the week of May 18-25, 1949. One thousand hotel rooms, 3,000 homes, and other accommodations have been promised, he said.

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REPORTS SPANISH CHURCHES GAINING IN MEMBERSHIP

GENEVA —(RNS)— Protestant churches in Spain have gained strength in the past twelve years despite "repression and violence," Dr. Benjamin J. Bush, representative of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. to the World Council of Churches' Department of Reconstruction and Inter Church Aid, declared here.

Back from a tour of Spain, during which he attended 15 Protestant services, Dr. Bush said that Spanish Protestants find it difficult to find places of worship because recent attacks on their centers have made property owners fearful of renting to them.

CHURCHES ATTACKED

"A number of Protestant churches," he said, "have been attacked by sizeable mobs, indicating by word and deed their antipathy to Protestantism. Other churches have been threatened, and one large meeting of Protestant youth could not be held because of reported plans by anti-Protestant youth in the area to attack the rally."

However, Dr. Bush added, the vitality of Protestantism in Spain is shown by the fact that attendance at divine services is "frequently double the membership of the church." He recalled attending two prayer meetings at which the combined attendance was 340.

Some Protestant services, Dr. Bush disclosed, are being held in private homes. He told of attending one service where 60 persons crowded into the small home of an evangelist, the worshippers sitting on beds, on a narrow stairway, in the kitchen and in the living room.

1,500 BAPTISTS

According to Dr. Bush, there are

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The Convention is expected to express itself on such controversial social issues as the President's civil rights bill, separation of church and state, beverage alcohol and others. Main emphasis of the Convention, however, is expected to be the laying of plans for increased world-wide evangelism and member enlistment in the year immediately ahead.

Many Inspirational Addresses

In addition to the some 40 reports scheduled for presentation, inspirational messages will be delivered by Dr. W. R. Pettigrew, pastor of the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky.; Dr. Walter Pope Binns, president of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.; Dr. W. R. White, president of Baylor University, Waco, Texas; Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; Dr. W. R. White, president of Baylor University, Waco, Texas; Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; Dr. Chester Swor, youth leader of Clinton, Miss., and Dr. C. Oscar Johnson.

Baptist women of the Convention territory will convene Monday and Tuesday, May 17 and 18, for the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union, an auxiliary to the Convention.

The southern Baptist Convention is one of the most uniquely organized groups in the world. The Convention is made up of "messengers," not "delegates," from the churches, in that no one carries authority to bind his congregation back home to the decisions of the Convention. The denominational program is purely one of cooperation, with its evangelistic, educational and benevolent activities planned in accordance with New Testament teaching, and the churches left free to cooperate or not cooperate as they choose.

The Churches Do Cooperate

That the churches do choose to cooperate is evidenced by the fact that their gifts exceeded \$7,000,000 for the Southern Baptist Convention's world-wide program in 1947. Colleges, seminaries, hospitals, benevolent institutions and mission work in a score of countries bear testimony to their united work in fulfilling the Great Commission.

"The unity of the Southern Baptist

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Rural Churches Show the Way

Visits Salem and Antioch, Two Typical Rural Churches

By John D. Freeman, Field Secretary For Rural Missions, Home Missions Board

I am always glad to have a new example by which to help prove the contentions which are being made relative to the possibilities for development on the average rural church field. On May 9 it was my privilege to visit two fields in Mississippi each of which gave me such a witness.

Salem of Covington

Reece Rogers has made an outstanding contribution to the rural church program of our land. The change in life and activity, equipment and organization at historic old Salem Church of Covington County has been phenomenal. Returning to his paternal home from a successful business career in Meridian where he had risen to be Officer Manager of the A. W. Wilson & Sons, he was soon busy with the little rural church of his boyhood home. Ere long members of the

church were impressed with the fact that the Lord wanted Brother Rogers to be pastor of that church, so he finally yielded, and ten years ago was ordained as their pastor.

During the years since the church has grown in every way. From a small congregation, worshipping in a one-room building with once-a-month preaching by an absentee pastor, it has come to be a great rural church of some 500 members with a full-time program, a modern departmentized building, and up-to-date financial program and organization. In addition to its meeting house, this church has constructed a "Communist House" on its property, and this building, when completed, will provide a fellowship center for the area, also a place where every good work in the interest of the community may be carried on.

The Community House is not quite

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10,000 EXPECTED IN MEMPHIS

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tist Convention is a modern miracle," says Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the Convention's Executive Committee. "With less authority in their organization than the United Nations possesses, Southern Baptists have welded together more than 26,000 churches in a compact force for Christ. With diverse economic interests running from the farmer to the financier and without any appeal to class or race prejudice, more than 6,000,000 individuals have been enlisted in a common spiritual enterprise."

Dr. McCall suggests the Baptist belief in "the competency of the soul of man in matters of religion" as the distinctive and fundamental principle of Baptist faith out of which all other Baptist beliefs are grown.

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REPORTS SPANISH CHURCHES

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about 4,000 Plymouth Brethren in Spain; about 2,000 members of the Evangelical Church of Spain, which is a union of Evangelicals, Congregationalists, Methodists, Dutch Reformed and Presbyterians linked in tradition to the Presbyterian Church in Ireland; and about 1,500 Baptists, now related especially to the Southern Baptist Convention. He estimated the total number of Protestants in Spain as between 8,000 and 30,000.

Baptists are the only Protestant fellowship in the country which has adequate resources for a program of expansion, according to Dr. Bush. This group, he reported, is guaranteeing the upkeep of a Protestant hospital in Spain for 1948 and is also sponsoring a correspondence school.

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MEETING THE NEEDS

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complexity and duplication has come from many quarters, including churches both large and small.

The Committee on Church Organizations was appointed to study the need for better coordination and correlation and related problems. Its studies have been made chiefly from the standpoint of the churches, never with any thought of giving direction to the headquarters agencies. Joint meetings of the committee with representatives of the agencies have been informing and helpful. That there are points of tension and difficulty was at once recognized. The Committee assumed always that responsibility for making detailed changes must rest with the agencies themselves. The Committee assumed always that responsibility for making detailed changes must rest with the agencies themselves. The Committee then conceived its function to be that of bringing discovered needs to the attention of the Convention, with recommendations concerning certain special areas of difficulty.

Many churches are seeking and finding unification of the program around a table through the pastor's cabinet or church council. Representatives of the several agencies agreed to follow this local church plan in a similar conference, which will meet at least annually and as much oftener as may be necessary to, work out problems at headquarters in much the same fashion as they must be worked out when they reach the churches.

Such correlation at the top gives promise of great value in aiding the pastor and his people to make the further correlation at the local church base.

The Committee canvassed many

Rocky Creek Has Fine Spirit

By Rev. Percy Cooper

Mrs. Cooper and I spent 14 very happy months with the Rocky Creek church. The people week by week showed their love to us in many ways. I do not believe any people any where can be more thoughtful of their pastor than they were to us. The people worked together in a great spirit of cooperation. They were as one in moving forward with the Lord. They were most loyal in every way. Almost every Lord's day they filled the Lord's house, thus inspiring their pastor.

As a result of this great spirit, on the part of the fine people, there were 77 additions. 53 confessing Christ as Saviour and 24 by letter and statement. They saw the need for more room. Ground breaking services were held September 21, 1947 with the two oldest members present "breaking ground." The people gave timber, labor, and money. The spirit is so fine and the people have such a faith the building will soon be dedicated unto the Lord with out any indebtedness. Their faith is a faith that knows no defeat. The building which, according to contractors, is an \$80,000 structure, will be the nicest building of any rural church I know of any where. We thank God for the time spent with them. The deacons were great in every way and very cooperative. — PERCY M. COOPER.

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Martha Brown and Shirley Sullivan, all of Jackson; Gloria and Bobbie Haynie and Jean Marie Patterson of New Orleans; Miriam Adams, Gloster; Sylvia Holt, Clovis, New Mexico; Mary Lee Wood and Frank Hart Smith of Greenwood; Dot Doris, Portland, Tenn.; Mary Ethel Griffin, Clarksdale; Betty Jean Robinson, Pascagoula; Doris Irving, Carpenter; Janie Williams, Philadelphia; and Kenneth Fairly, Hazlehurst.

In an impressive chapel ceremony the Tribesman was dedicated to M. P. L. Berry, former president of Hillman College and now Assistant to the President of Mississippi College. Special tribute is also paid in the opening pages to the late T. M. Hederman who served as president of the Board of Trustees of Mississippi College for many years.

needs and possibilities as these came from the pastors and litigies as these came from the pastors others responsible church leaders. From the many needs, a few were lifted out for special discussion and recommendation. The recommendations do not carry with them arbitrary demand for immediate application, but seek to stress urgent needs that should be given careful consideration in the proposed conferences of agency representatives with a Convention committee. The problems involved are not problems of failure but of success. A primary aim is to secure more vital and effective teamwork among the several agencies, which then will be reflected in correlation and coordination of the plans as they are intelligently and efficiently carried out by pastors and people.

Editor's Note: The recommendations of the committee were printed in the April 29 issue of the Baptist Record.

CLARKE SPIRIT UPLIFTS

By Rev. H. D. Jordan, Pastor Bunker Hill Church, Columbia, Mississippi



REV. H. D. JORDAN

Many people have asked, "Why did you go to Clarke College?" It happened like this! Rev. S. V. Gullett, Blue Mountain, held a revival in my home church in 1925. During this revival, I surrendered to the call to preach without a high school education. He suggested that I go to Clarke College where I could finish my high school work and have the advantage of a course in Bible at the same time under Dr. R. A. Venable. I visited it. The spirit of the school was uplifting. The first ministerial student I met on the campus was asked, "How are you classified?" He replied, "Freshman in high school." "Do you have a family?" Pointing to his house on 'preacher row' he said "That is not a grammar school at recess." That man is now one of our fine rural pastors.

In the spring of 1928, I left Clarke with a Junior College diploma and a promise to marry a freshman girl. We entered Mississippi College that fall, receiving the B. A. degree in 1930. Mrs. Jordan and I received Th. M. degrees at the New Orleans Seminary in 1933, both being accepted for post graduate work in 1934. She has the distinction of being the first woman student to receive the Th. M. degree from the institution and the only woman student accepted for post graduate work.

I thank God for all these fine schools, but I feel that I am indebted to Clarke more than the others because she made the first educational contribution to our lives.

I did not know until this week's Baptist Record that ants have milk cows, but I have known for a long time that Mississippi Baptists and God need Clarke College! It is a "feeder" school for our senior colleges and contributes greatly to rural work. Too long we have neglected country churches which are our greatest opportunity for Christ in Mississippi. They are physical giants asleep. All of us have some of God's money. We need to bring \$350,000.00 of it to God for Clarke during 1948.

(Editor's Note: Rev. Jordan is the dynamic pastor of Bunker Hill Baptist Church in Marion county. No one could ever connect the word "sleeping" with his church. It rather is a dynamo of activity for God's work! He formerly served at Morton, and is considered as one of the states' outstanding pastors. His testimony proves the unique place of Clarke in Mississippi Baptist life.)

RURAL CHURCHES SHOW THE WAY

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finished. There is to be added a wing to house the kitchen, pantry, library and toilets and the rough inside walls are to be covered. Then, says Pastor Rogers, "We are to build a pastor's home. We have eighteen acres of ground. Already we have laid off a large addition to the graveyard, and down below the hill is a fine level fertile tract for garden, pasture and such. I can't serve them always, and when I am gone, they want to have a home for my successor to move into. This building will be our next big undertaking."

Antioch of Rankin

The evening hour of May 9 was spent with Antioch Church of Rankin County. Driving out there from Collins, I was guest of Pastor Robert Liles, a 1948 graduate of Mississippi College. We stopped at a lovely new pastor's home, a short distance from the meeting house. Here the church has provided for the comfort of their pastor and set up a model for other homes of the area to pattern after. Modern throughout, this three-bedroom home is attractive and liveable. About it is plenty of ground for garden, chickens, and a large woodland which will be developed into a community playground.

Antioch has just begun their forward program. They felt it best to move their "Overseer" to the field, so constructed the pastor's home, using materials salvaged from an old public school building which was a gift from a good Methodist layman, Roy Carter, who is eager for his community to have the best. The home is finished and paid for, the total cost in money being about \$2,500. Now they turn their eyes toward a departmentalized church building. Their old meeting house is in perfect condition and is readily adaptable. The interior of it will be reworked so as to utilize the extra space without reducing the maximum seating. "Then," says Pastor Robert Liles, "we plan to add an educational building to the rear. This is to be a two-story structure with departmental equipment for teaching and training. We also want to add, later on, the equipment necessary to make our church the heart of a great community."

And thus these examples are showing other churches the way. At the meeting with Antioch Church, May 9, four other churches had representatives. They too are being aroused. Baptists must save the rural areas for their Lord if they expect to save themselves as a factor in America's future urban life. How thrilling it is, then, for those of us who work at the rural church end of the line to see bodies like Salem and Antioch showing the way. — Atlanta, Ga.

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PRINCIPLES OF THE KINGDOM (\$2), by Dr. Lowell Taylor Wallace and published by the Central Seminary Press, Kansas City, Kansas, is an honest attempt to set forth the Kingdom in its true light and give it the importance in the thinking of men that it justly deserves. It is an inductive study of the Kingdom, and in doing it, the author has no wish but to present the truths of the Bible in their true light. Dr. Wallace is a careful, faithful student of God's Word and effective teacher in the realm of Christianity. His book is accurately scriptural. It is good for study, for teaching, and is delightfully readable. Orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store or to the publisher.

Mississippi Baptists---Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails." 1 Cor. 13:8

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"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Jesus in Matthew 7:12

I
Dr. Harold Strathearn, Director of the LeTourneau Foundation, New York City, phoned us regarding engagements in Mississippi for Rev. Donald F. Ackland, Box 2307, Longview, Texas. Dr. Ackland was head of the London City Mission and of a Tract Society in England. Dr. R. G. LeTourneau was so attracted by his many fine qualities that he employed him as Public Relations Director. Dr. Strathearn was offering him to us in Mississippi. He was to be sent by the LeTourneau Foundation. On May 9 he was with the South Side Baptist Church, Meridian, and on May 16 he will be with the Morton Baptist Church. He has a week-end engagement at East Baptist Church, Greenville, including May 23, and speaks at both hours May 30 at Bowmar Avenue Baptist Church, Vicksburg. Others of our churches might be interested in using him. We hear most excellent reports about his work.

We appreciate more than we can say the continued interest of Dr. LeTourneau and Dr. Strathearn in our Mississippi work. They have been generous indeed.

One of the fine things they have done is to provide money paying three-fourths of the cost of a Gospel Trailer. We paid the other one-fourth out of our own earnings. Thus Mississippi Baptists received another helpful consideration without the cost of as much as a penny of expense to them. We have already used the trailer in giving the gospel to people in a few neglected areas. We made a generous distribution of Gospels of Johns and gospel tracts. The only thing that has kept us from using it more has been that our heavy schedule of engagements, with office work, has kept us busy at other things.

One thing Christian people need to do among others is to get out of the rut in doing the work of Jesus. We need to do some unusual things in unusual places for Him!

II

Aid For Children

The American Overseas Aid and United Nations Appeal For Children with Mississippi headquarters in Jackson is working at bringing relief to starving children in war devastated areas. Governor Fielding L. Wright is honorary chairman. There is or will be a campaign organization in every county in Mississippi. The County Superintendent of Education in every county is working very closely with the County Chairman. American Overseas Aid is the fund raising agency for Church World Service. The Mississippi quota is \$324,000. Hon. J. F. Stuart, Poplarville, serving as director, says there are 400,000,000 children under 15 years of age who are starving in the war devastated areas. The appeal is a worthy one. Isaiah 58, James 2, Matthew 25.

III

Many Mississippians remember with delight Dr. and Mrs. N. D. Timmerman who were on the church field at Clarksdale for several years. We had the happy privilege of being with them and their fine people of the First Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Congregations were good, and the interest splendid. We were with the Junior High School, the Exchange Club, and the B. S. U. group of the University of Alabama in special services. There were ten additions, one volunteer for the ministry, three other life dedications to special service, and thirty-six consecrations. We found some very splendid men, women, and young people in this church. Dr. and Mrs. Timmerman are two of the most delightful souls we know. Doxology!

IV

The following letter recently went to the members of the Clarke College Ad-

visory Committee and the Clarke College Board of Trustees:

April 27, 1948

A FRIENDLY CHAT WITH THE CLARKE COLLEGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dear Brethren:

We are writing this letter to summarize as we see it, the course and benefits of our very fine committee meeting today.

We had a good meeting from every standpoint. First, we had a report on contributions which total \$107,000.00 or a little more than you read about in the Baptist Record this week. Some \$20,000 of this is a conservative estimate of monies we well believe to be in the hands of church treasurers and unremitted at this time. All of the rest is actual cash received. The expense of the campaign is very low, standing at 5 or 6 percent.

The full committee unanimously approved the following procedure in completing the \$350,000 goal:

1. The nearly 100 members of the Advisory Committee and Board of Trustees will each undertake to raise \$1,000 as personal contributions, or from individuals or churches as an over and above sum by Sunday, September 26.
2. A member of the Advisory Committee has taken responsibility for promoting the campaign in one association. It was agreed that the campaign had not been too well worked over the state to date, and that each association representative would really press the matter in that association from here on out.
3. Sunday, September 26, was set as another great Clarke College Campaign offering day. Clarke College is 40 years old next September. It was agreed that we would go after 1000, 2000, or 3000 persons giving \$40 each by or on that date. Their names will be memorialized and neatly kept under glass in the building. It was agreed that 20,000 of our more than 350,000 Baptists will be asked for \$5 each that day. Their names will be kept in a "Book of Remembrance" in the college.

4. Churches having not already done so in your association are urged to put \$100, \$250, \$500, \$750, or \$1,000 or some such amount in their 1948 Budget for Clarke College.

5. Churches having a surplus in the treasury are urged to vote a worthy sum for this great college.

6. The Special Gifts Committee headed by Rev. William L. Compere will continue to work.

7. Association-wide Clarke College meetings are urged with Dr. W. E. Greene or some other proper and capable person as the speaker.

8. A radio hook-up, state wide in scope, was agreed upon if it can be worked out.

9. Church treasurers are urged to send in promptly all monies for this campaign.

10. Pastors are urged to contribute honorarium of one revival this summer to this campaign.

11. We are listing the memorials schedule on letterheads as soon as possible.

12. The trustees are planning immediately to start the first building with the monies in hand.

It was generally agreed that the things we need now are a great deal of prayer and a great deal of work.

We do thank you so much for the fine part you have played in the success of the campaign thus far. We had wished that the full \$350,000 had come in March 28. We never did really think that much would come in at that time. We have been in campaigns before and know how big money comes -- from prayer, sweat, sacrifice, love, generous hearts, etc.

It is time now for us to bend to it and see that this campaign is brought to a glorious and victorious climax.

V

If we recall correctly, Dr. W. E. Greene, president of Clarke College, told us sometime ago that this great junior college had never received over \$25,000 contribution at any one time. That fact caused us to rejoice all the more when Mississippi Baptists, with little effort on the part of all except one-half dozen persons, gave that school right at \$100,000 recently. A special prayer night had been proposed in each church. Dr. W. L. Sewell, pastor at Prentiss, led in this. A number of churches followed on in this practice of prayer during this campaign. Mississippi Baptists, generally, did not pray about it! Clarke College students magnified prayer by keeping a prayer meeting going day and night for the full week of the offering.

Things that are needed in the Clarke College Campaign are things that will guarantee a successful conclusion to the campaign -- prayer, publicity, perspiration, and purse-strings loosened.

Watch it grow! It must go! Make it so! Doxology!

VI

As Christians active in His church, we need to restudy the work of the Holy Spirit in His churches as we find in the Acts! Here we see His church at work! One will work if he has the Holy Spirit! John 16. Jesus was not afraid of work. John 9:4. In another place Jesus said, "The Father works and I work."

The church at Jerusalem was:
First, a saved church. Peter tells them they need to be saved, Acts 2:40, 3:26, 4:12. Result: Acts 2:47. They were not merely church members -- they were SAVED! Salvation is in three tenses: (1) the believer is saved from the guilt and penalty of sin; (2) the believer is being saved from the power of sin, and (3) the believer is to be saved to complete Christ-likeness, I John 3:2-3. The greatest problems of the churches are not from without but unregenerate membership. Jerusalem had no such alarming sins within the church such as came later to Corinth, Ephesus, etc.

Mr. Church Member, are you saved? Second, a praying church, Acts 1:14, 4:31. Acts is somewhat a history of the prayer life of the early church. Our great failure is that leaders do not pray. How many churches are today characterized by a great prayer life?

Third, a Spirit filled church, Acts 2:4. Tell the place the Spirit has in your life and you indicate your power with God and man. The Spirit ought to be the leader of His church! To fail in worship, service, giving, living is to reject His leadership!

Fourth, a united church, Acts 2:46. One heart, one mind, one place, one purpose, one message! A wife will not be satisfied with divided marital allegiance. No man can serve God and the devil at the same time!

Fifth, a giving church, Acts 2:45. Someone said they baptized their pocketbooks! They gave and gave! The grass gives itself to the ox but not in the name of Jesus! The ox gives his flesh to the hungry child but not in the name of Jesus! Do you include Jesus in your giving?

Sixth, a testifying church (Acts 4:33, 5:32). Are you ashamed of your mother? Is a boy ashamed of his best girl? Are you ashamed of Jesus? Why not tell folks about Him?

Seventh, a blessed church, "And great grace was upon them all," Acts 4:33. Folks are looking for a blessing!

Eighth, an unselfish church, Acts 4:34. They did not stand back and let others do it!

Ninth, an evangelical church. The term is from "angel" who frequently brought messages in olden days. An evangel brought good news. A New Testament

Youth Revival Volunteer



Allonzo Rutledge, Clarke College, is a volunteer for this summer's Youth Revival Crusade.

From a pastor in another state who formerly served in Mississippi we quote: "It may interest you to know that the Baptist Record is the only state paper to which I am personally subscribing. For my money it is the ONLY NEWS paper we have in the whole SBC."

church brings good news of Jesus to men!

If you had in hand the remedy for a deadly disease that was raging, would you share it? If you withheld it, you would be guilty as many died! You have knowledge of the remedy for sin! Let us give it to men!

VII

Jesus said among His last words, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." We thought we were out of the age of commandments, yet Jesus says, "A new commandment I give unto you." When Jesus got ready to give a sign of recognition for His followers, He gave it not in precious stone, costly pearl, or carved wood, but "by the love ye have one for another." Yet how many Christians, churches, denominations, do you know that may be recognized by that?

We went to a church field. We thought a deacon did not care for us. That did not surprise us because sometimes we do not like ourselves. We liked him and set out to let him know it! Visiting at his place of business he said, "I have been wanting to see you. I want to resign as deacon and Sunday School teacher." Then we knew he did not like the new preacher. We felt we had just as well get to the bottom of the matter, so we asked the reason for his resignation. He replied, "I am going to take the bankrupt law." There I had been mis-judging a great deacon! We asked him the reason for taking the bankrupt law. He replied, "I have not been able to come back from the depression. My business is all right morally and legally." We then assured him that being true, we would never vote for his resignation. Away with the professed friendship that is good only in fair weather. We care not for that kind! God's man does not give that sort. I John, chapters 3-4. We stay by a friend when he is down! Matthew 7:12. Brethren gathered around him, advising with him. A sort of business man would have been glad of his failure. He gave up part of his business, retaining part. Today he is deacon, teacher, business man, has a fine family, and is our friend. The Christ -- life is the most practical and helpful in all the earth! Do you have His life or some other?

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Prisoner Warns Youth

In a letter poignant with sorrow over lost opportunities in the "free world" a youth condemned to the electric chair has written some words of warning for all young people travelling the road he took and which led to his present tragic situation. The letter was written to a Christian friend in reply to one sent to him. In it he states that many of the ones he formerly called "friends" have turned their backs on him, and now only the true Christian people are proving to be his friends. His warning to all youth blindly following the path of sin, thinking they are "having a good time" drinking and carousing, may be summed up in the following excerpts:

Oh, if all young boys and girls could be made to understand what living in sin will do for them! I pray so hard for them. I know now that the Christian life is the only life worth living. I am so happy in the Lord, and I know that I shall spend eternity with Jesus in the wonderful home of the soul . . . Whatever happens will be for the best, for the Bible says that "all things work together for good to them that love God." . . . I am ready to go. . . If I should be spared from the chair I will spend my life trying to lead others to Jesus. I know that is what He wants me to do. . . And I shall do all I can to the glory of God while time is lasting. . . I have a burning desire in my heart that all the poor, lost souls who keep putting off salvation until death takes them unprepared to meet the great Creator, might learn before it is too late about the Saviour. Please pray for my father and mother. . .

This letter was written from a Mississippi county jail where its author spends his last days. In another part of the letter he declares that if he had to choose between death in the chair with Jesus and life on the earth without the Lord, he would choose to die and be with the Saviour for eternity, for he adds, "It is better to die with Jesus than live without Him and die and spend eternity in hell burning forever and ever, away from God."

We Vote "NO"

From news dispatches we learn that the recently organized Baptist General Convention of Oregon, composed of 16 churches in Oregon and Washington, seeks recognition as a state convention at the Southern Baptist Convention which meets in Memphis May 19.

We have always tried to take the optimistic side, but unless there are exceedingly unusual circumstances, 16 churches are too few to compose a state convention. Many associations have more churches than that.

Speaking for ourselves only, we believe that it would be best for this group to be affiliated with the Baptist Convention of California until there is an increase in the number of churches and in membership. In other words, there seems to be no advantage that this group will have as a state convention that it will not have as an association.

They can do everything as an association that they can do as a state convention.

—BR—

A Plea for Prayer

Our land is in deadly peril at the present moment—from communism, drunkenness, and other evil forces. It is only a great outpouring of God's Spirit, and another mighty spiritual awakening that can save us. And the history of the Christian church shows that such an awakening comes only through earnest, intercessory prayer.

At the beginning of the 19th century our land was in dire peril. Atheism, agnosticism, skepticism and other evils were rampant and raging. Christian people realized the great danger, and entered into a solemn covenant to spend "a definite portion of their time in prayer for an outpouring of the Spirit of God for the salvation of men." The Lord heard and answered the great volume of intercessory prayer. The great revival known as "The Awakening of 1800" followed. In his "History of American Revivals" Dr. Frank G. Beardsley says: "Infidelity became a vanishing force, while the religious character of the United States was assured for generations to come."

After nearly 150 years, our land is again in great peril. Unless a Heaven-sent revival comes speedily—through prayer, repentance and returning to God—our country is doomed to destruction. Freedom will vanish, and we shall awake one morning to find ourselves slaves of totalitarianism.

But, praise God, there is a way out! Long ago Jonah proclaimed to the people of Nineveh: "Yet forty days and Nineveh shall be overthrown." Jonah 3:4. The peo-

ple "believed God, and proclaimed a fast," and cried "mightily to God," and turned "from their evil way." The Lord heard their cry and the destruction of Nineveh was withheld from more than 200 years.

The situation here in America and in Europe and China is getting more desperate day by day. Quick action is needed. Sending money is urgent and imperative. But these material things will not stop the onward sweep of communism.

It is a spiritual battle. Communism is inspired and motivated by Satan, and only Spiritual forces are able to overthrow it. Prayer is our secret weapon. It is only a great volume of earnest, believing, faith-inspired prayer on the part of multitudes of God's children that turn back the enemy and give glorious victory. The words of the apostle John are just as true today as when they were uttered long ago: "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." I John 5:4.

Christians, awake, awake! God's children! Let us arouse ourselves before it is too late, to the terrible danger that confronts our land and other countries across the seas! Are we willing to sit idly by or to God on behalf of millions that are trembling on the brink of an awful precipice?

It must have brought sorrow to the heart of God when He uttered these poignant words through the lips of the Prophet Ezekiel: "And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before Me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none." Ezekiel 22:30. God forbid that we should fail to "stand in the gap" by earnest intercessory prayer on behalf of our own and other lands in this hour of supreme crisis!

Here are some of the practical methods for mobilizing the prayer forces of the nation, and helping to bring mighty revivals to America and other lands:

1. **Through prayer meetings in the churches.** A pastor in Philadelphia has an attendance of nearly 100 at his weekly prayer meeting. At the close of the regular prayer meeting he asks all who wish to do so to stay for a revival prayer meeting—to pray only for revival. The pastor says that 40 to 50 stay each week to intercede for real revival.

If hundreds and thousands of churches throughout our land would adopt such a plan, the churches themselves would be wonderfully quickened and it would be a tremendous forward

step in helping to bring another spiritual awakening to our country.

2. **Cottage prayer meetings in homes.** Such prayer meetings have always been a tremendous factor in bringing revival. It was such cottage prayer meetings that brought down the power from heaven in the Billy Sunday Campaigns. A woman who recently started such a prayer group for revival said: "What a wonderful time we had! Tears flowed. Cries went up to our heavenly Father to save the souls of the lost and to revive the children of God."

3. **Another factor in bringing revival is individual and united prayer in the home.** In one home the husband and wife are deeply concerned for revival and for the future of our nation. They make it a rule to have united prayer for revival each day, and on Sunday endeavor to have an hour of earnest intercession. They pray not only for revival in America, but in Europe, Palestine, China, and other lands.

4. **Individual intercessors** can have a real and vital share in bringing revival to our country and throughout the world. There are great numbers of praying people who may not be able to attend a revival prayer meeting at a church or even to go to a cottage prayer meeting. But they can have earnest individual intercession wherever they may be.

Here are one or two practical ways in which each one who reads these lines can have a real share in the crusade to save America in this hour of tremendous danger. First pray for yourself, your pastor, your family and lost friends. Second, you can pray daily for revival and the spread of God's Word, and for the preservation of free government in America, Europe, Palestine, China, Japan, Korea, India, Africa, and other lands.

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Selected Editorial

The Threat Of Totalitarianism

The Roman Catholic Church is the most complete and powerful totalitarian organization in the world. It combines church and state in its idealistic conception of the kingdom of God, and has as its ultimate objective the creation of a world-state-church with complete authority over the bodies and souls of men through time and eternity.

Catholicism is a centralized dictatorship. All authority is centered in the Pope. The members of the church and the lower clergy have nothing to do with the government or faith of the Church.

The members of the Catholic Church are as completely regimented spiri-

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GOING PLACES

A. L. GOODRICH

SHE DID IT

In most cases when some church writes and asks that the EVERY FAMILY list be dropped and that a revised list will be sent in later, the real meaning is "dropped period." One of the few exceptions is Union Baptist Church in Perry County. Recently Mrs. Irene Wells wrote asking for the list stating that the revised list would be sent in shortly. She did just that. Not only did she revise the list but she revised it upward. The old list contained 29 names and the new list contained 40.

Hamilton Freeman, Route 1, Beaumont is clerk and will receive the EVERY FAMILY Plan bills monthly.

Perry County Record readers are as follows: Arlington 16; Beaumont 85; Brewer 2; Good Hope 3; Indian Springs 18; Janice 16; New Augusta 62; Prospect 17; Richton 82; Runnels-town 53; Seminary 18; Union 40; and Calvary 12.

WEST GULFPORT

Having had experience with the EVERY FAMILY plan in other places, Pastor E. S. Flynt, of the newly organized West Gulfport Church has led the church to change from the annual payment plan to the EVERY FAMILY plan.

The Baptist Record is glad to welcome this growing church on the ever increasing list of churches that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY plan of the Baptist Record.

Record readers in the Gulf Coast Association are now listed as follows: Bay St. Louis 62; Kiln 2; Pearlington 1; Big Ridge 9; Biloxi, First 243; Biloxi, Second 20; Crane 1; Gulfport, First 523; Gulfport, Bowen Memorial 38; Gulfport, East Side 46; Gulfport, Grace Memorial 89; Handsboro 41; Long Beach 78; Mississippi City 2;

New Hope 29; Pass Christian 49; Sharon 1; West Gulfport 20; Woolmarket 7.

WAYNESBORO

The work at Waynesboro is making much progress under the leadership of Rev. Eldie F. Hicks, pastor.

The educational plant is being remodelled and an annex is under construction. This will double the space for educational work and provide a church office and a pastor's study.

The church has placed an order for a Hammond organ. Financial receipts continue to increase. Each month for the past four years has shown an increase over the corresponding month.

Record readers in Wayne County are now listed as follows: Big Creek 8; Bucatunna 49; Clara 45; Clear Creek 14; County Line 34; Coyt 8; Denham 1; Eucutta 1; Evergreen 14; Mt. Zion 32; Pleasant Grove 42; State Line 52; Strengthford 14; Waynesboro, First 120; Zion Rest 1.

TOOMSUBA CHANGES TO EVERY FAMILY PLAN

Toomsuba Church, Lauderdale County, which has had the EVERY FAMILY Plan on a "paid in advance basis" for years has changed to the monthly payment plan according to Mrs. Lamar Coker.

The advantages of the monthly payment plan over the yearly paid in advance plan are: (1) Names may be

HOWARD McLEMORE, RAYFORD HUNT TO BE ORDAINED



REV. RAYFORD HUNT

Meadville. — On April 7, Howard McLemore surrendered to preach and on April 21 Rayford Hunt did likewise. Mr. McLemore is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. McLemore, and is the first young man to surrender for the ministry from Meadville. He is making plans to enroll at Mississippi College at the beginning of the fall term.

Mr. Hunt is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Hunt. He plans to enter Clarke Memorial College in the fall.

Mr. McLemore and Mr. Hunt will be ordained at Meadville on Sunday night, May 23.

Rev. B. T. Bishop is the proud pastor of these two fine young men.



REV. HOWARD McLEMORE

W. E. Sloan Accepts Pike County Church



REV. W. E. SLOAN

Rev. W. E. Sloan Mississippi College student has recently been called as pastor of the Union Church, Pike County. Mr. Sloan recently led in the Spring Revival and in a B. T. U. Study Course. A Brotherhood has been organized and plans are being made to remodel the church building.

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New Mexico Presents Assembly Site

By Lewis A. Myers,
Editor New Mexican

When our Baptists are gathered at Memphis in convention session, one of the matters of major importance, scheduled for decision, is that of selecting a Western Assembly site.

Since the selection of a location has been the responsibility of a special committee, New Mexico Baptists, although eager and graciously offering, have awaited the recommendation of the committee. Recognizing the centrality of her territory, the picturesqueness of her scenery, and the total unity of her people on the matter, New Mexico is offering 880 acres. The location is at Glorieta Pass, town of Glorieta, a twenty minute drive from Santa Fe, New Mexico.

On an air line, it is 1,010 miles from Memphis and 1,080 from San Francisco. Located on the main line of the Santa Fe Railway, crack trains drop passengers six times daily. Two Federal Highways, 64 and 65, and one State Highway serve the site. Few buildings are already on the grounds, allowing for unhindered, planned construction in the midst of beautiful openings and majestic timber. For fishing and hunting, golfing and hiking, horseback riding and touring, quiet devotion and study—the area is literally a paradise. Eighteen miles away is the Artists' Capital of the nation and a radius of fifty miles sweeps in the ruins of the cave dwellers, quaint Indian villages, and age-old Spanish missions. The Glorieta elevation is around 7,200 feet, cool and delightful all the summer and through the winters.

Mrs. Richard J. Hatchett, Jr. Upon entering the room, each guest was tagged with a name of a Bible character, and in order to find his dinner partner, he had to find the person whose name corresponded with him. A delicious dinner course consisting of fried chicken, buttered peas, creamed potatoes, salad, pie, coffee and tea was served to 34 guests. After the dinner hour, they were invited out on the lighted lawn for an evening of enjoyable games. Rev. Don Land is pastor.

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tually as the citizens of Russia are regimented politically, socially and economically.

Strange as it may seem, there are certain Protestant leaders who would create a Protestant totalitarian ecclesiastical organization by the organic union of all the Protestant churches in the formation of a world-church. This church would automatically become ecclesiastical and dictatorial. All the organizations entering into it would necessarily lose their autonomy, and would become subject to the ecclesiastical authority headed up in the dictator at the top.

Stranger still, there are some Baptists, laymen and ministers, who are so charmed by the siren-voiced promoters of this totalitarian Protestant idea that they do not see the ungloved hand of regimentation lurking in the shadows of sweet-voiced sentences, ready to grasp churches, pastors, and people with its totalitarian authority.

Grave, indeed, is the present world situation. In between the totalitarianism of atheistic Communism and the totalitarianism of the Roman Catholic Church the proponents of liberty are fighting for freedom. Baptists are first, last, and always the advocates of liberty. They believe that all men everywhere, and all nations ought to be free from totalitarian regimentation, whether it be ecclesiastical or political.

Let us keep our eyes open and our minds clear. Dr. Gambrell said once, "Baptists cannot work in a blind bridle." We must not be lured into any one of these totalitarian groups in order to escape another.

All totalitarian groups are fatal to our liberties. The Christ of the New Testament is the answer to all totalitarianism. The gospel of the New Testament is the answer to both Communism and Catholicism.

Let Baptists be loyal to Christ and faithful in preaching the gospel. This alone is our salvation. — Southern Baptist Home Missions.

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The Adult Department of the Training Union, Holly Bluff Church recently enjoyed a social in the home of Mr. and

added or dropped at any time. No subscriptions are paid for after a person leaves the community. (2) The payments are smaller. (3) A name may be added as soon as a person joins the church without waiting until the old subscription expires.

Lauderdale County now has Record readers as follows: Arkadelphia 31; Bethany 56; Carmel 22; Causeyville 42; Collinsville 16; Daleville 1; Fellowship 33; Goodwater 15; Hebron 45; Hickory Grove 32; Hickory Ridge 1; Hopewell 1; Kewanee 39; Lauderdale 13; Liberty 15; Long Creek 2; Macedonia 41; Marion 26; Meehan 11; Meridian, First 490; Meridian 8th Avenue 117; Meridian 15th Avenue 241; Meridian 41st Avenue 366; Meridian, Highland 396; Meridian Oakland Heights 50; Meridian, Poplar Springs Drive 133; Meridian Southside 291; Key Field Mission 18; Midway 64; Mt. Gilead 29; Mt. Nebo 10; New Hope 34; New Zion 16; Oak Grove 56; Pine Grove 64; Providence 11; Russell 40; Salem 29; Toomsuba 37; and Union 1.

LIBERTY CHURCH IS NUMBER 906

Liberty Church, Scott County, has joined the growing list of churches that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY plan of the Baptist Record. This church is number 906 on the list. Mrs. D. H. Weger sent the list and states that more will be sent next month.

Rev. W. J. Hemby, Mississippi College student, is pastor.

Record readers in Scott County are now listed as follows: Bethlehem 34; Branch 3; Clifton 58; Coopersville 17; Forest, First 197; Good Hope 42; Harpersville 64; Hillsboro 3; Homewood 16; Hopewell 26; Lake 41; Liberty 26; Line Creek 4; Ludlow 39; Morton 107; Oak Grove 15; Pleasant Ridge 12; Pulaski 18; Casht 6; Sardis 16; Springfield 70; Steele 24.

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In my opinion, the most appropriate recognition of the meaning of the birth of Jesus is found in the quiet of the closet or room when the individual Christian finds time for personal fellowship with his Lord. . . John L. Hill in The Baptist Student.

-- Woman's Missionary Union --

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson
Young People's Sec'y. — Miss Nell Taylor

CHOCTAW INDIAN CHURCHES VISITED



Hopewell Indian Church, Carthage, Miss.

On the third week-end in April, 4 Mississippi College students, the R. A. Secretary and the Young People's Secretary visited 3 of the 10 Indian churches in the state. This visit was inspired by an interest in our Indian friends, and the desire to be of service to them. A missionary program was given in Hopewell Baptist Church, Bethany Baptist Church, and Canaan Baptist Church. Pulpit Bibles were presented to all of the Indian Churches from Woman's Missionary Union, and invitations were extended for the Indian boys and girls to attend our regular camps at Camp Garaywa again this summer.

Those participating in this week-end mission trip were: Bobby Simmons, Clarksdale; Joel Ray, Corinth; Bill Day, Louisville; Dub Nelson, Monticello; Walter F. Bisbee, Clinton; and Nell Taylor, Jackson. The following articles give further details about the trip.

Upon entering Hopewell Church we noticed that the women sat on one side and the men on the other. After a few songs in the Choctaw language, Bro. Willis, 75 year old Indian pastor and preacher for 35 years, brought a message in his native language. We couldn't understand him except for a few words now and then, but adding to these his expressions and motions we gathered that he was speaking about how Christ must increase and we must decrease. After the service, he told us that his message was from Matt. 5.

At the conclusion of the phase of the service conducted by our group, the Indians themselves were given an opportunity to comment. Bro. Joe Chitto, Indian deacon, gratefully expressed their appreciation for our coming, praised and told about the great work of Bro. Willis, and paid one of the highest tributes to Bro. Simpson, missionary to the Indians in Miss., that can be paid a servant of Christ when he said, "Bro. Simpson is here when we need him, he's always ready and willing to help us, we can count on him." And then Deacon Fountain Sam made a remark which struck us very deeply, "We could do more for God if more people would show us how." Correlated to this are those words in Paul's vision "Come over into Macedonia, and help us." Truly here is a Macedonia for us as Miss. Baptists and a great opportunity for us to serve Christ. They are earnestly pleading for help and sincerely striving to go forward for Christ. Let us resolve that we

shall not fail them, and even more that we WILL, with God's help, show them how.

As we left, our ears were ringing and our hearts stirred with that statement, "We could do more for God if more people would show us how."

As we bring these words to you we trust that your ears will also ring and that only help to these people will cause that ringing to cease.

—JOEL RAY

The time we spent at Bethany Church near Philadelphia awakened us to the needs of the very neglected Indians. A great percentage of the Indians on the reservation are lost, and many of us scarcely realize that they are even there. They are there and they need Jesus. If they are to find Him, we must help them in every way we can.

Almost every community is trying desperately to build a new church. Bethany Church, located just outside Philadelphia, is almost complete, lacking yet Sunday School partitions, choir and pulpit chairs, and such things. That church can be a great instrument in the winning of the lost on that reservation.

The Indians are a grateful people, though we white people give them little for which they can be grateful. They showed their appreciation to us for our coming to be with them in a very touching way. No help, no matter how small, will ever be ungratefully received, nor uselessly given for their need is great. They need all the help we can give them. Especially do they need and ask for our prayers. So let us not forget them as we have forgotten them in the past.

—BOBBY SIMMONS

FAITH? What do we know about Faith? We remember the words of our Master as he said "O ye of little faith," but I do not believe we would hear Him say that to Brother Isaac and his group of Choctaws as they assemble from time to time in a "Brush-arbour" for a churchhouse.

We learned that these faithful Christians have been meeting in this place for about two years, through winter, and summer, but undaunted, and determined to serve Him who loved them enough to die for them. We also learned that it is Brother Issac, their pastor, who is responsible for the churchhouse of concrete-blocks being built. Brother Issac's son was stationed in Japan and lost his life in an accident. This church-house is being built from the income of Brother Issac, and by the labor of his hands, in memory of his son who gave his life for his country.

Faith? Yes, this is Faith—found out on the Indian reservation where people love God.

You too can share in this great memorial work, and is there a greater work than erecting a house for God's people to worship in? Just send any contribution to Rev. W. W. Simpson, who is the Missionary and may I add the word "beloved" for truly they love him. His address is Philadelphia, Miss. Be sure and label it "For the building of the Canaan Baptist Church."

WALTER F. BISBEE



Shown above are the young people of Escatawpa Church who took part in their recent Youth Week observance. Reading from left to right, first row: Mrs. Otis Beville, Patsy Robinson, Janice Nelson, Patsy Breeland, Mrs. Mona Maddox. Second row: Voncile Livadias, Peggie Joyce Breeland, Eddie LaMetrie, Margie Lopez. Third row: Otis Beville, Claude Nolf, Claude Palmer, Don Graham, Johnnie Ray Livadias, Fred Honson, Winston Lopez.

Escatawpa Observes Youth Week

Escatawpa Church, Rev. D. M. Campbell, pastor, recently observed Youth Week. Twenty-three young people had charge of all services of the church during the week. Three young men had charge of the Sunday and Wednesday night messages; Claude Palmer, Sunday morning; Fred Hanson, Sunday evening; and Claude Nolf, prayer meeting Wednesday night.

According to Training Union Director, Mrs. Mona Maddox, those taking part during the week and not shown in the above picture are: James Greenough, Dale Jackson, Mrs. Alvin Love, Jeral Dean Yon, Thomas Ray Palmer, and Forest Dethloff.



HORACE HEADRICK

Horace Headrick, Laurel business man, active Christian, Brotherhood booster, and popular speaker, who preached twice during the Tylertown Laymen's Revival.

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Tylertown Laymen Promote Revival

By Rev. Ray F. Dykes, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Tylertown

I have just gone through a great experience! After helping the men of our church secure four of the best laymen speakers available, I turned it over to them. And they did it. Our Laymen's Revival, May 2-5, proved to be one of the most helpful series of services our church has ever had. It was a blessing to my own heart. Laymen spoke, laymen presided, laymen sang in the choir — and sing they did! Laymen ushered, laymen served on the other eight committees. We used the men, practically all of them.

Headrick of Laurel spoke on Sunday, both services. Carroll Gartin, Mayor

Carson Church Celebrates Wood's First Anniversary

Pastor W. H. Wood, Carson Church, recently celebrated his first anniversary with the church.

During the past year, much has been accomplished by pastor and members. There have been 60 additions to the church, 22 by baptism. A deep well has been installed, the church and Sunday School rooms have been screened, and an attic fan has been installed. The Sunday School and Training Union attendances have greatly increased, and both are looking forward to applying for standard rating at the close of the associational year. A successful Youth Week was recently observed.

of Laurel, spoke Monday night. In Tuesday evening's service, Bruce C. Aultman, Hattiesburg attorney, was the speaker. In the closing service, Wednesday evening, R. G. LeTourneau of the Western hemisphere, brought the message.

Each of these well know men brought a message of faith and courage and strength. Thrilling testimonies of souls won to Christ, Bible stewardship of material possessions, service in teaching and training places in the church, assistance to men trying to find their places on church and community life — these were the outstanding themes of these laymen speakers. Our men were blessed. Our church was blessed. The people want another Laymen's Revival next year.

—BR—

Center Ridge Church, Rev. Mayo Brown, pastor, had a great day Sunday. In addition to their special Mother's Day program, it was the opening day of their spring revival. Rev. L. W. Ferrell, pastor of Griffith Memorial Church, Jackson, is leading in the services. A delicious "dinner-on-the grounds" was enjoyed at the noon hour.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

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MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary
MRS. F. C. FRENCH, Office Secretary

The Big Idea of the Standard of Excellence

Standard of Excellence is a big term for all of us, and at times we wonder if it does not literally scare a lot of our hard-working, loyal Sunday school leaders. It scares them because they realize their limitations, the limitations imposed often by inadequate building or room, and because it is often difficult to get under way a big, challenging program for their Sunday school.

Now, the standard of Excellence is a big, challenging program for a Sunday school. We sometimes hear it said, "Is it worthwhile to put forth the effort to have a Standard Sunday school?" Some one from a state in the South that had studied Standard Sunday schools for that state, gave these things as evidence for the worth of this ten point program:

1. Churches with Standard Sunday schools give more per member to Co-operative Program.
2. More of resident members enrolled in Sunday school.
3. Churches with Standard Sunday schools get from four times as many study course awards. (Training for the job means efficiency every time).
4. In churches with Standard Sunday schools, it took 14.79 resident members to win one to Christ last year. In the other churches it took 15.82 (this is one state's average, and if average would hold true over the Convention territory, this alone would justify a church to make every possible effort to reach the Standard of Excellence.)

Pacific Northwest Baptists Petition for Membership

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BP)— Sixteen Baptist churches in Washington and Oregon states have organized the Baptist General Convention of Oregon and applied for membership as a constituent group of the Southern Baptist Convention. They previously have cooperated as the Northwest Association of California Southern Baptists.

Rev. R. E. Milam, pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church, is president of the new organization in the Pacific Northwest, and has made the applica-

It pays to have a Standard Sunday school, and it is easier done in the small church than in the large one.

Six months of this Sunday school year is gone. Perhaps you are not satisfied with the results of your Sunday school program. There will be no finer thing than that your Sunday school adopt now this program of work for the remainder of the year. Yes, it would be true that new life, new interest, greater results would come. Better teaching perhaps, more people won for Christ and His service, more workers trained, more Bibles used, more all-round good work would result in every department of the Sunday school. Try this big, challenging program for the remainder of this Sunday school year. It will mean great results in your school.

Here, it seems, are imperatives, some musts for all our Sunday schools now.

1. Continue to give emphasis to training work. Trained workers mean more efficient work done.
2. Continue to give special emphasis to soul winning. The school should be positively evangelistic. Any and all of us responsible for the leadership of our Sunday schools, should make a claim for Christ at every opportunity.
3. Adopt the Standard of Excellence as a wise, balanced program of work for your school.

The best definition for a Sunday school we have heard: "A real Sunday school is the church at the business of teaching the Bible to win people to Christ and to help those won to be useful for Christ in their places."

tion. He said that the 16 churches have a membership of more than 2,000, and contributed last year \$63,311, with \$8,208 going to missions. The Convention budget has been set at \$11,250 for the year with 25 per cent of all undesignated funds going to the Cooperation Program of Southern Baptists.

Mr. Routh advised Mr. Milam that "there is a difference between the admission of constituent groups. Messengers from any of the churches in your Convention will be welcome at the meeting in Memphis. One messenger is allowed for each church contributing to the work of the Convention during the fiscal year preceding the annual meeting."



Shown above is Friendship Church, Oktibbeha County. This church was organized last August following a revival at which time there were 47 additions, 29 by baptism. The building, which is located on the Craig Spring—

Sturgis road, 6 miles east of Sturgis, was purchased from the Assembly of God organization and was paid for by the people of the county. Rev. G. S. Mullins is the pastor and leader in its organization.

MISS BESSIE MAY EVERS, ORPHANAGE DAUGHTER, TO MARRY DARNELL IRA GOOCH



BESSIE MAE EVERS

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Mize, Sr. of the Baptist Orphanage of Jackson announce the engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Bessie Mae Evers to Mr. Darnell Ira Gooch on June 1, at 8 o'clock in the evening, at LaBelle Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, Rev. D. M. Renick, officiating. Miss Evers, of Jackson and Memphis, will be given in marriage by Mr. W. G. Mize, Sr. Maid of Honor will be Miss Helen Gooch, sister of the groom.

Miss Evers, who was reared in the orphanage, graduated from Central High School, Jackson, in 1944, and from Blue Mountain College, May 1948 where she was listed on the Honor Roll, a member of the Euzelian Society, a member of the Opera Cast, president of the Classival Club, Secretary and Treasurer on the B. S. U. Council, House president and Y. W. A. president in her dormitory. During the Summer of 1947, she was Secretary to the Director of Public Relation of Blue Mountain College, and now is Secretary to Assistant Director of Boy Scouts of America, Memphis.

Mr. Gooch is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Gooch, Memphis, Tennessee and is a veteran of World War II having served in Japan. He is now employed as mail clerk at De Soto Post Office, Memphis, Tennessee.

After June 1, they will be at home, at 498 Edith Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee.

An Opportunity

Were you ever just ready to go on a trip, or to camp, and at the last moment you were told that finances were too meager for you to go? Do you remember what a "let down" feeling you had? That is going to happen to a fine group of young fellows at our Orphanage this year unless someone comes to their aid.

There are 36 Intermediate and Junior boys to go. It will cost \$300 to send them. We have only \$38. Last year one church in Meridian gave \$120. One lady in Baldwin gave \$50.

What a wonderful opportunity this is for the W. M. U. of some church to help some deserving R. A.'s attend camp. Pastors in your next Deacon's meeting will you suggest that your church help.

You who love boys won't you give? Send all contributions to W. G. Mize, Baptist Orphanage Jackson, Miss., R. A. CAMP FUND.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE May 9, 1948

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Hazlehurst	494	126
Jackson, Elaine	127	100
Hattiesburg, Main Street	736	286
New Albany, First	600	177
New Albany, First		
Including Mission	638	213
Crystal Springs	925	120
Grenada, First	452	122
Old Town, Calhoun County	125	92
Jackson, Davis Memorial	301	95
Jackson, Calvary	1,261	296
Jackson, Calvary Including		
Stone St. Mission	1,314	336
Jackson, First	1,129	427
Laurel, West	437	115
Jackson, Byram	207	91
Jackson, Northside	352	102
Jackson, Southside	189	82
Jackson, Van Winkle	351	221
Zion Hill, Copiah County	31	60
Coats, Simpson County	45	
Columbus, First	906	260
Laurel, South	80	78
Wellmon, Lincoln County	84	59
Laurel, Second Avenue	423	146
Laurel, First	648	170
Mt. Vernon, Holmes County	35	
Oloh, Marion County	90	98
Booneville, First	272	111
Oak Grove, Calhoun County	49	40
Bruce	200	65
Friendship, Pike County	205	124
Laurel, Beacon	244	117
Rocky Springs, Yazoo County	35	
Centerville	187	50
Enon, Panola County	78	57
Pascagoula, First	597	190
Cowart	89	45
Myrick, Jones County	83	60
Mt. Vernon, Leflore County	78	101
Houlka	93	44
Wallerville	135	86
Tucker's Crossing,		
Jones County	94	43
East McComb	429	225
Pleasant Valley,		
Simpson County	108	76
Carson	95	100
Long Creek,		
Lauderdale County	122	103
Popular Springs,		
Simpson County	70	
Gulfport, First	612	152
Center, Union County	133	68
O'Tuckalofa, Yazobusha		
County	17	
Mt. Vernon, Holmes County	24	
Jackson, Parkway	605	172
Parkway Chapel	62	36
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Carmel, Lauderdale County	59	47
Long Creek, Lauderdale		
County	128	91
Coat, Simpson County	35	
Rocky Springs	29	
East Columbia	88	
Cross Roads,		
Webster County	34	44
Centerville	169	62
Oak Grove, Calhoun County	37	50
West Corinth	154	87
Bethlehem, Jones County	135	128
Pleasant Valley,		
Simpson County	79	88
Laurel, Beacon	251	113
Pascagoula, First	606	212
Calvary, Pike County	81	102
Chalybeate	54	16
Columbus, First	785	285
Cherry Creek,		
Pontotoc County	67	40
Oloh, Marion County	90	88
Popular Springs,		
Simpson County	26	
Benlah, Simpson County	230	106
Laurel, South	107	46
Zion, Pontotoc County	98	53
Valley Grove,		
Pontotoc County	60	53
Tucker's Crossing,		
Jones County	78	43
Union, Pearl		
River County	135	87
Hepzibah, Jeff Davis County	167	49
Tate Street, Corinth	342	109
Friendship, Pike County	212	141
Carson	104	99

The Junior and Intermediate G. A. girls of New Augusta Church recently honored their mothers with a Mother-Daughter banquet. There were 35 who enjoyed the occasion. Mr. B. F. Travis and Mrs. B. Aaron Foy are the counselors for these G. A.'s. During the banquet, there were seven girls who received their arm-bands for having completed their Maiden's Steps.



BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

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T. M. Dickson

"T" Dickson, shown above, was recently elected secretary-treasurer of the Brotherhood Convention in the annual session, April 1-2. "T" ranks at the top of the consecrated Christian laymen that we have met in our denominational experience. He and his family are members of the Northside Church, Jackson, and are in attendance every time the church doors open.

Associational Meetings Planned

Fifteen of the seventeen associational Brotherhoods have advised us that they have their dates set and the program arranged for the second quarter's associational meeting to be held in June. The suggested program for this quarter is stewardship. The pro-

gram is as follows:

A Suggested Program "STEWARDSHIP"

For: Associational Meetings of Brotherhoods.

Aim: To motivate men to become good stewards. To unify our efforts in associational Brotherhood work.

Worship Period

Songs: (Choose two or more as needed.) "Amazing Grace," "Rise Up, O Men," and "Trust, Try and Prove Me."

Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30. I Corinthians 6:19-20. Psalms 24:1. Isaiah 43:1. Others may be just as good. It is suggested that only the reading and prayer be given here, in other words, not a sermon or devotional.

Prayer

Business Period

Roll Call of Churches.

Reports of Officers and Committees.

Place of Next Meeting.

Inspirational Period

Song — "Sweet Hour of Prayer."

"My Stewardship of Prayer." (5 minutes, a layman).

"My Stewardship of My Bible." (5 minutes, a layman).

Quartet — "Give of Your Best to the Master."

Message — "Daily Consistency" (30 minutes) Given by the best qualified pastor or layman available.

Note: It is hoped that the one chosen for the main address will not bring a tithing message, but will deal with stewardship in the larger sense. We had tithing stressed in our associational meetings last September; therefore, we are anxious to give emphasis at this meeting to stewardship.



Department of Church Music

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CORRECTION — IMPORTANT

Please make the following corrections on your 1944 Emphasis folder: In the next to the last paragraph of the section headed TRAINING UNION in the yellow folder, it has been necessary to change the rating for District contestants from Superior, Excellent, Very Good, Good and Fair to First, Second and Third place. All District Music Directors are especially reminded to remember this correction.

The other correction is in the section headed SUNDAY SCHOOL. Instead of "all district players will play at the State Music Convention," it should read, only the first place winners of the District Festivals will play at the State Music Convention.

NEWTON COUNTY ASSOCIATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Newton county Associational Music Festival, will meet at 2 o'clock, Sunday afternoon, May 16, at the Clarke-Veneable Baptist Church, Decatur, with Mr. R. L. White, Union, Mississippi, Newton county associational music director in charge.

NEW PHAMPHLETS

We have just received the following new pamphlets which will be of interest and help to choir directors, pianists and all interested in church

music: THE CHURCH CHOIR, RECOMMENDED MUSIC EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH AND RECOMMENDED MUSIC EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR THE STATE. These folders will help immeasurably in building your choir and helping you to understand the program of Church Music as recommended by the Church Music Department of the Sunday School Board.

You may receive a copy of any or all of our pamphlets by simply requesting them from this department.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

This is a special announcement that we will NOT have the State Music Leadership Clinic as planned and advertised for August 1-6. All Pastors, Choir Directors, Pianists, Organists, Song leaders and interested church musicians will please take note and help get this word around. We will keep you posted through this column about plans for a Clinic in 1949.

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Good will then is a spiritual quality. It is something within causing one to be charitable toward others, not because goodwill is deserved by those who receive it but because of the character of the heart from which it issues. . . Joe W. Burton in Home Life.

H. R. Holcomb Begins Twenty-First Year At First Church, Tupelo



DR. H. R. HOLCOMB

By James T. Pettigreen

The above is the likeness of Dr. H. R. Holcomb, pastor of First Church, Tupelo recently he completed his twentieth year as pastor of the church.

During the twenty years of service much has been accomplished under the leadership of the Holcombs. One of the most outstanding accomplishments has been the conversion of the church financial plan to that of tithes and offerings without the use of any pledge or subscription plan. Under this plan the church is operating debt free with a considerable surplus in the treasury.

Prominent among many accomplishments have been the following:

\$10,000 Tabernacle built, where the people of Lee and surrounding Counties come to worship God.

Institution of a County-Wide Program, not only in the Tabernacle, but in the fact that Broth. Holcomb pastors country churches, and has led the First Church to see it's responsibility toward weaker churches.

Building of North Tupelo Mission House.

Inauguration of a system of transportation for suburbs and countryside, making it possible for hundreds to come in to church who otherwise could not.

City Missionary and County Missionary.

Standard equipment for all departments of Sunday School, and the maintaining of a great Sunday School and B. T. U.

Building of Business Men's Bible Class Room, with a seating capacity of around 150.

2231 Additions to the Church. This is an average of more than two per Sunday.

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GIL DODDS, THE FLYING PARSON \$1.50), by Mel Larson and published by the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, is the thrilling story of the world's champion indoor miler. Gil Dodds has won the respect of runners and reporters, and is known as the sports sensation of our time. Jack Conway, sports editor of the Boston AMERICAN, declares, "Gil is one of the greatest sportsmen I have ever met. He is an idol with the youngsters." Gil's story, success story extraordinary, will show you, as it has shown the world, that one can be a world-famous athlete and a Christian with a glowing testimony. Orders should be sent to the publisher or to the Baptist Book Store.

Dedicatory Services Held at Raymond

A special dedicatory service was held at Raymond Church on Sunday night, May 2.

Professor Joby R. Harris made the dedicatory address at which time he presented to the church a pulpit chair, given in memory of Amos H. Gray, who was killed in the battle of Guadalcanal, by the Lige Gray family.

W. M. McKenzie presented another pulpit chair to the church for the Carter family as a memorial to J. W. Carter, who was killed in the European area during World War II.

Lamar Puryear presented the beautiful memorial baptistry window to the church in behalf of Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Wallace and Clara Francis, wife of Ensign David Price Wallace, who was downed at sea in April, 1945, while he was piloting a plane alone off the coast of San Diego.

M. F. Herring, superintendent of the Sunday School, received these memorials in behalf of the church and offered the dedicatory prayer.

Following this service, eighteen persons who had been received into the church by profession during the revival recently conducted by Dr. W. L. Holcomb, were baptized by Pastor R. L. Wallace. Mr. Wallace is in his 21st year as pastor of Raymond Church.

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Vicksburg S. S. Class Honors O. R. Hoxie

Evidently the members of Hardy Jones Memorial Bible class of the First Church, Vicksburg, appreciate O. R. Hoxie, who has been a member of the class for 22 years and who is moving to Mobile. Recently the class adopted resolutions of appreciation concerning his capacity as a layman, vice-president, and group captain.

The resolutions were signed by H. V. Cooper, teacher; W. R. Lominick, associate teacher; H. E. Baldwin, president; Key Woods, associate to the president; R. L. Redell, vice-president; H. E. Beard, vice-president; W. C. Eskridge, vice-president; K. B. Menger, secretary - treasurer; L. A. Geesler, group captain; Frank G. Meek, group captain.

The class also held a special program in Mr. Hoxie's honor, presenting him with a nice present and his wife with beautiful flowers.

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Giers Speaks at BSU Banquet

Rev. Carl Giers of the Hunter Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, inspired a group of over 100 Mississippi College Students at the annual Baptist Student Union Banquet held this year at Camp Garaywa on Friday night May 7.

Mr. Giers message was on the subject "United Nations." What the world needs rather than United Nations, said Mr. Giers is "United Nations." College students must have united notions about God, about the Bible, about the church and about prayer. He stressed that before a couple marries they should have these united notions in order that their marriage may be a success.

His message was short, snappy, challenging, warning and inspirational.

Professor Harold Basden served as toast-master and kept the well-planned program going smoothly.

MEET THE MEN

who administer

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST FOUNDATION FUNDS

The affairs of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation are administered by a Board of Trustees composed of nine outstanding Christian business men of wide and diversified experience, which peculiarly fits them for this great task. Each one has achieved signal success in his own field and each is active in his own church. With such capable and successful business men in charge, Mississippi Baptists can be sure that the Foundation will be operated on sound business principles.



FINANCIER—
Leland Speed, President of the Board of Trustees and Mayor of Jackson, is an active member of the First Baptist Church, member and past Chairman of the Board of Deacons. He is financially, and otherwise interested, in several of Mississippi's leading business institutions and manufacturing establishments.

He entered the field of finance in 1933 in which he has achieved outstanding success. He is a Director of the Standard Life Insurance Company of Jackson and also a Director of the Jackson Fertilizer Company. He has been a trustee of the Foundation from its establishment and also its capable and faithful president.



MERCHANT—
J. W. Brumfield, Pascagoula, is an active member of the First Baptist Church and Chairman of the Board of Trustees. He began as a clerk in a dry goods store in Pascagoula soon after his discharge from the S. A. T. C. in 1918. In 1923 he purchased a small men's wear store which he expanded into a department store. He and his family now operate three large, modern stores, one in Pascagoula, one in Biloxi, and one in Moss Point. He is regarded as one of the most aggressive, progressive and successful merchants on the Mississippi coast.

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MANUFACTURER

MERCHANT—
Rex F. Reed of Tupelo is an active member of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo and also a member of the Board of Deacons. He is President of Reed Brothers, Inc., a manufacturing and wholesale dry goods business, President of the Tupelo Brick and Tile Company, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Citizens State Bank of Tupelo and a Director of the Federal Savings and Loan Association of Tupelo.

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EDITOR-JOURNALIST-PUBLISHER—

T. M. Hederman, Jr., Secretary - Treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation is an active member of the First Baptist Church, past Vice Chairman, Board of Deacons, and member of the Board of Trustees. He is editor and co-publisher-owner of The Clarion-Ledger, state's largest newspaper in circulation and advertising; Director Magnolia State Building and Loan Association; Director Southern Newspaper Publishers Association; Secretary and member Board of Trustees Jackson Separate School District, administering white and colored elementary, junior-high and high schools.

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BANKER—
Charles O. Dean of Leland is a loyal member of the First Baptist Church of his city, a deacon and liberal supporter of his church, President of the Bank of Leland, with deposits of more than five million dollars, President of the McGee, Dean Cotton Company of Leland, cotton buyers and shippers of Delta staples and also President of the Leland Compress and Warehouse Company. He is a banker of outstanding ability.

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BANKER-PLANTER—

P. M. B. Self of Marks, is an active member and deacon of the First Baptist Church of Marks. His interests are wide, varied and extensive. He owns and operates large farming interests in the Delta. He is one of the Delta's large producers of cotton. He organized the Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Marks, which has deposits of about four million dollars, and has been its president from its founding, thirty-one years ago. He built Riverside Oil Mill, now operated by his sons. He is President of The Big 3 Lumber Company of Marks, President of the Marks Insurance Company, Chairman of the School Board of Marks, Director of the Delta Council and a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Baptist Memorial Hospital of Memphis.

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BANKER—

R. L. Covington, Hazlehurst is a consistent member, First Baptist Church of his city and Chairman of the Board of Deacons - a position he has held for twenty years. He has been President of the Bank of Hazlehurst since 1925, an institution having deposits of four and a half million dollars. He has been in the banking business for fifty years, having begun with a very modest position and climbed to the presidency of this great banking institution. He is one of the most useful citizens of his community and county.

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ATTORNEY-PLANTER-CONGRESSMAN—

Will M. Whittington of Greenwood has been interested in civic and religious matters for many years. He has served as Superintendent of the Sunday School of his church, President of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, President of the Baptist Education Commission of Mississippi and a trustee of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was elected to the Mississippi State Senate in 1916 and again in 1924. He has represented the Third Congressional District in Congress since 1925. Prior to entering politics he was engaged in the practice of law. He has been raising cotton in the Mississippi Delta for more than forty years. In Congress he majored in Agricultural, Revenue, Highway and Flood Control legislation. He is generally recognized as the outstanding authority on flood control in Congress.

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MERCHANT, LUMBERMAN—

Frank L. Fair of Louisville is a consecrated member and faithful deacon of the First Baptist Church of his city, and vitally interested in the work of his church. He is President of The Fair Company, a large department store in Louisville, a Director of the D. L. Fair Lumber Company, a Director of the Grenada Bank of Grenada, Mississippi, a Director of the Winston Warehouse Company of Louisville, a Director of the Louisville Gin Company and Vice President of the Bank of Louisville.

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Our boards, agencies and institutions and all who have funds for investment in the interest of our "Holy Causes" can safely entrust them to the Mississippi Baptist Foundation. The Foundation covets the opportunity to serve the Baptists of Mississippi in their world program.



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RETREAT IN RETROSPECT

A total of 193 registered for the State Retreat for BSU Officers at Woman's College. Fourteen dedicated their lives at the closing service. For Frances Bibb and Sylvia Burr, our summer missionaries, a total of \$86.86 came in at the Retreat (the total in this campaign at this writing is \$129). We trust that the Retreat was as spiritually helpful as the following comments indicate:

"The students who attended. . . from Southern seemed to have received a blessing. . . I thought it was a great meeting. . . The final service was truly a great one." —Powell G. Ogletree. . . "The Retreat. . . was the highlight of all our work this year. My council members and I came away with a song in our hearts and a desire to make our campus a better place to live." —Mrs. Marcus Smith. . . "I believe that it had some lasting influence on those who were present." —O. L. Malone. . . "The Retreat was a success as far as the M. C. students are concerned. . . Truly, in my heart, I vowed to Let Go and Let God." —Juanita Kelly. . . "those who attended from Mississippi State not only enjoyed it, but found it inspirational, informational, and dedicational. . . All of us have a new insight to our work, and a new determination to see B. S. U. go over in the right spirit and to

the right end on our campus and in our church." —Billy Thames. . . "The girls and I were most pleased with the program of the Retreat." —Helen Bolt. . . "I want to assure you that I received far greater blessing from the Spring Retreat than I could possibly have been instrumental in bringing to others." —W. L. Day. . . "Our students were greatly helped by the Spring Retreat. . . Most of them came back saying that they did not know BSU meant so much." —Louie Farmer, Jr. . . "I enjoyed the B. S. U. Retreat at Woman's College very much." —G. Ben Seitz. . . "It was my idea of an ideal Retreat." —Margaret McClellan. . . Without an exception, I think the Spring Retreat at Hattiesburg was one of the best that I had ever attended. It was essentially spiritual. . . The Council members say they are ready for next year to come, so that they might begin their work." —Jean Furr. . .

"Please be assured that we considered it a high privilege to have had the opportunity of entertaining the Baptist Student Union of Mississippi. The faculty and student body were greatly blessed in the fellowship we enjoyed during your stay, and be assured if and when we are in a position to assist in the Baptist Student Union work that we are at your disposal. Call on us and we shall be favored." —President Rouse, of Woman's College.



Blue Mountain, Miss., April 19—These Blue Mountain College students have volunteered for work this summer with the Girls' Auxiliary Camps that will be held at Camp Garaway under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Left to right: Mary Eleanor Braddock, Ripley; Marjorie Cox, Gulfport; Margaret McMullen, Sumner; Jeanne Nelms, Gadsden, Ala.; Mary Blanche McMullen, Sumner; Frances Estes, Picayune; Boots Hicks, Sledge; and Myra Holland, Slate Springs.

BLUE MTN. STUDENTS ENLIST FOR SUMMER MISSION WORK

Blue Mountain, Miss., May 4 — Blue Mountain students are cooperating in a grand way to make volunteer work really go off with a BANG! If you travel any at all this summer you will probably bump into a Blue Mountain girl. Sylvia Burr is going to serve as Mississippi's summer missionary to California. Sylvia is to spend virtually the entire summer in Vacation Bible Schools and Youth Revivals in this field.

The Home Mission Board has assigned these B. M. C.ers to the following fields: Betty Chong, camp work; Georgianne Bliss, Alabama; Lelia Jackson, New Mexico; Alfalene Jolly, Arkansas; Ellabert Jackson, Oklahoma; Emily Owen, Texas; Betty Jane Rodgers, Arizona; Dot Smith, Georgia; Margie Smith, Maryland; Clyde Whiteside, Texas; Betty Wilkinson, Florida; and Mary Jane Wharton, Illinois.

Laura Thompson, Dot Griffin, Faye

Haire, Garnett Faye Atkinson and Emry Little have volunteered for Youth Revival work in Mississippi. Drop down Camp Garaway way and you'll find Mary Eleanor Braddock, Jeanne Nelms, Myra Holland, Boots Hicks, Fran Estes, Marjorie Cox, Lillian Tyre, Hazel Rodgers, Margaret and Mary Blanche McMullen.

Pat Hicks will be leading schools of church music in Mississippi. Mamie Lou Eubanks is going to Alabama to work in Vacation Bible Schools under the Alabama Sunday School Board. Ann Summers has enlisted in the Youth Caravan work sponsored by the Methodists.

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Macon: On Sunday night May 2 after the pastor Rev. R. D. Pearson had preached on "The Yielded Life" nine fine young people came forward to express their willingness and purpose to give their lives in the Lord's service in whatever way and place that He may lead. Three of these were re-affirming such dedication made more than a year ago. The other six came for the first time to express their decision.

CLARKE COLLEGE CAMPAIGN WORKERS

The following are members of the Advisory Committee and Board of Trustees who are really leading in putting over the Clarke College Campaign:

Association	Name	Liberty	Charlie Morgan
Adams-Franklin	Rev. J. I. Hill	Lincoln	Rev. Zeno Wells
Alcorn	Rev. D. L. Hill	Madison	Dr. John W. Landrum
Attala	Rev. R. C. Holcomb	Marion	Rev. H. D. Jordan
Benton	Rev. H. H. Ward	Marshall	Rev. H. H. Aultman
Bolivar	Dr. Charles Treadway	Mississippi	Rev. A. A. Ward
Calhoun	Rev. J. D. Walker	Monroe	Rev. C. W. Thompson
Carroll	Rev. L. D. Sellers	Montgomery	Rev. C. B. Hamlet, III
Chickasaw	Rev. H. M. Collins	Neshoba	Rev. Kenneth Hall
Choctaw	Rev. I. F. Metts	Noxubee	Rev. Joe Abrams
Clarke	Rev. W. L. Meadows	Newton	Rev. H. T. McLaurin
Clay	Roger Pryor	Oktibbeha	Rev. D. M. Metts
Columbus	Rev. Boyd Armstrong	Panola	Rev. R. W. Martin
Copiah	Rev. W. E. Hardy	Pearl River	Rev. J. H. Jones
Covington	Rev. J. H. Fairchild	Perry	Rev. Paul Ball
Deer Creek	Mrs. J. A. Anderson	Pike	Rev. Fred B. Bookter
DeSoto	Rev. M. C. Whitten	Pontotoc	Rev. James Monroe
George	Dr. Fred B. Moseley	Prentiss	Rev. L. G. Sansing
Greene	Rev. M. E. Perry	Rankin	Rev. G. W. Smith
Grenada	Dr. G. E. Wiley	Riverside	Mrs. O. E. Offenheiser
Gulf Coast	Rev. G. C. Hodge	Simpson	Rev. B. H. Benton
Hinds	Rev. W. Lowery	Sunflower	Rev. David T. Cranford
Holmes	Compere	Smith	Rev. Q. E. Floyd
Itawamba	Rev. L. E. Burnette	Scott	Dr. L. E. Smith
Jackson	Rev. Clarence Palmer	Tallahatchie	Rev. F. O. Martin
Jasper	Dr. L. E. Green	Tippah	Rev. George Gay
Jeff Davis	S. L. Stringer	Tishomingo	Rev. J. J. Cranford
Jones	Dr. W. L. Sewell	Tate	Rev. F. V. McPatridge
Kemper	Rev. J. H. Street	Union	Rev. Homer Roberson
Lafayette	Rev. C. O. Daniel	Union County	Rev. J. R. Davis
Lauderdale	Auber J. Wilds	Warren	Rev. Phil Walker
Lawrence	Oscar Yarborough	Walthall	Rev. Ray F. Dykes
Leake	Rev. D. O. Horne	Wayne	Rev. Bill Warren
Lebanon	Rev. G. O. Parker	Winston	W. A. Taylor
Lee	Rev. J. C. Murphy	Yalobusha	Rev. J. W. Oliver
Leflore	Rev. John B. Laney	Yazoo	Dr. Webb Brame
	Rev. A. L. Gatewood	Zion	Rev. J. R. Reedy

Others: Dr. W. E. Greene, J. A. Tidwell, E. L. Morgan, C. D. Shields, Rev. A. E. Mason, Rev. S. E. Sumrall, Horace Headrick, and Claude Bennett.

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Clarke College Campaign

On behalf of the Clarke College Trustees I wish to thank all who had a part in the March 28 offering for the Clarke Enlargement Program. We appreciate the fine work of Associational Directors, Pastors, Sunday School Superintendents, and all others who helped to promote the offering and the response of all who made their special offerings.

We are grateful for the money that has come in, even though the total amount is far short of the goal. We trustees are seeking to carry out our responsibility under God for guiding aright this school of such far-reaching ministry, and we will do our best with what you as Mississippi Baptists provide.

The Building Committee met last week to discuss plans for the erection of one of the three main buildings sorely needed now. The committee is composed of Horace Headrick, Laurel, Chairman; Claude Bennett, Stafford Springs, and A. E. Mason, Meridian; with W. E. Green and W. L. Compere as ex-officio members. You will want to know how things stand at present.

The campaign included an estimated \$40,000 for repairs to the present buildings and \$50,000 for equipment. The money received last year and the first part of this year was wisely spent on repairs and equipment, which have amounted to a total of about \$40,000. Also, the cost of the Campaign has been paid out of receipts. Under Dr. McCall's fine leadership and with the cooperation of the Baptist Record, Associational Directors, Student speakers, and Pastors, the percentage of this cost has been greatly reduced this year over last year.

After paying for repairs, equipment and campaign expenses, we have about \$40,000 to be used in a new building, and it is estimated that about \$20,000 more will come in from the churches from the March 28 offering. The Committee and the entire Board of Trustees wish to assure Mississippi Baptists of several things:

1. They are eager to begin a new building at the earliest possible date.
2. In keeping with Article X of the Convention constitution, they can not begin a building until sufficient funds are in hand to pay for it.
3. All the money given for this purpose will be kept sacred and used in the wisest manner for the Strengthening and Improvement of Clarke College, and one of the new buildings will be begun as soon as enough money is in hand.

The Committee feels that the Administration Building should be built first, but it will take more than twice the amount of money we have on hand to build it. If this additional money comes in within a reasonable time, we may begin this building this summer. If not, it may become necessary to build the activities building or one unit of the Girls' Dormitory first. The need is urgent.

If there are church treasurers who have not sent in the Clarke College funds your people have given, may we urge that you send to Dr. McCall's office right away.

Churches which have not taken the offering, won't you take it yet? Churches that have some surplus money in their treasuries may vote to put some of it in this worthy cause. Individuals who have not given may give yet — whether the special offering is large or small. The response of many has been so splendid. Why not some response from all? Help Clarke meet a need that only Clarke can meet!

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COMMITMENT DAY — MAY 30

It is estimated that sixty-five million people in America drink some sort of beverage alcohol. According to the estimate 75% of the male population and 56% of the female population drink. The annual consumption of beverage alcohol has more than doubled in these fourteen years since the repeal of National Prohibition. The ever rising flood of strong drink among young people in the teen age is appalling and most alarming. Arrests for drunkenness of boys under eighteen increased 101% between 1939 and 1945 according to F. B. I. records. Since the repeal of National prohibition there has been a determined effort on the part of the liquor people to exploit the people of America, especially the young people. They have spent hundreds of millions of dollars in advertising alone in order to accomplish their purpose. Surely this is public enemy No. 1. It would overthrow everything worth while. Let go, it will impede the progress of the church, disintegrate the home, and destroy our nation.

The Sunday School Board is undertaking to lead Southern Baptists in this crusade for a great spiritual commitment relative to this destructive evil. This commitment is to be a voluntary and spiritual commitment.

It is a significant day, a day of great opportunity for those in place of leadership to cooperate in a most worthy cause which will pay large dividends both in time and eternity. Proper emphasis on this day — or some other convenient day near May 30 — will save thousands from the ravages of rum and many homes from destruction. Moreover, this Day of Commitment offers a golden opportunity for all our churches in Mississippi to have a part in this tremendous fight to keep Mississippi from legalized liquor, and at the same time win great victories in actually driving liquor from our state.

This is the answer to the question raised from many namely: What can we do about it? Every Christian can at least make this spiritual commitment never to use beverage alcohol in any form, also never to give, serve, or sell it to others. Moreover, one may lead many others to make similar commitments.

One evening in October,
When I was far from sober,
And dragging home a load with
manly pride,
My feet began to stutter,
And I fell down in the gutter,
And a pig came and parked right by
my side,
Then I warbled, "It's fair weather

C. Z. Holland To Tour In South America

Rev. C. Z. Holland, Pastor of the First Baptist Church at Jonesboro, Arkansas, has planned an extensive mission tour in Central and South America. His itinerary carries him to the following places: Havana, Cuba; Baleem, Brazil; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Asuncion, Paraguay; Buenos Aires, Argentina; Montevideo, Uruguay; Santiago, Chile; Lima, Peru; and Balboa Canal Zone.

The entire trip will be made via air. While in Rio de Janeiro, he will attend an International Rotary Convention which meets in that city from May 16th to the 20th. He is a delegate of the Jonesboro Rotary Club, which is sharing in the expense of the trip.

Mr. Holland came to Jonesboro in July of 1946 from Canton, Mississippi, where he served as Pastor of the First Baptist Church for nine years.

The schedule calls for leaving Memphis May 10 and returning June 10th.

When good fellows get together,"
But a lady passing by was heard to say,
"You can tell the one that boozes,
By the company that he chooses."
So the pig got up and quickly walked away.

There is an abundance of materials for this Commitment Day in all the literature for May coming from the Sunday School Board. Let us cooperate for a glorious victory with thousands of commitments.

DAVIS MEMORIAL CHURCH AND THE ORPHANAGE

By Rev. Byram Simmons

Having been associated with the Orphanage for three years and having enjoyed the privilege of preaching in Revival Services at Davis Memorial Church, I have had the opportunity of learning of the pleasure afforded the Orphanage children and workers in attending the Davis Memorial services and of the untiring efforts of the church in rendering to these the very best service. The children need, desire and are greatly benefitted by association with other children and adults in a well-equipped and thorough-going church organization. The Orphanage workers, as fine as they are, need, deserve and appreciate the exhilaration, fellowship and development that are found nowhere so fine as in warm-hearted church services.

Mississippi Baptists, through the children they place in the Orphanage and the workers whom we place in charge of these children, help to make up the constituency of Davis Memorial and should rally heartily to their effort of rendering even better Christian service to our Orphanage family.

Davis Memorial needs and deserves the help of Mississippi Baptists in its church building program and, as one who knows the spirit of this people and something of the need it will supply to our Orphanage family, I beg that you rally readily and heartily.

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

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Associates: W. C. Morgan, Louise Hill, Alene Johnson

Yalobusha Co. Reaches Standard

Yalobusha Co. Associational Training Union reports standard for the first quarter of this year. Miss Frances Townsend has been the Training Union Director and has had the cooperation of pastors and churches. This cooperation in a challenging program set up by the Associational officers and led by Miss Townsend has been exceptional and the results most gratifying. At the last executive Committee meeting Miss Townsend resigned as director because she was moving from the county, and Mrs. Taylor Howard of Water Valley was elected as director. Mrs. Howard has already set in motion plans that will be carried out this summer. The first is a mass meeting at New Hope Church for May 27th. Here Secretary Wilds will speak and show a motion picture of the Baptist Orphanage. At this meeting definite plans will be adopted for a two weeks program August 15-27 in which the State Training Union will cooperate. The elimination contest will be held June 17th where representatives to the District Convention will be chosen. We rejoice with these leaders in the splendid progress the association is making in the training field.

Every family will want a copy of the new booklet by Joe Burton, The Church and Family Life. It is 32 pages and is specially designed for church leaders, but each parent processing a copy will be blessed by reading it and following the suggestions .25c at The Baptist Book Store, Jackson.

Southern Baptist Handbook for 1948 is off the press and is packed with invaluable up-to-the-minute information about and for all Southern Baptists. It gives records of every state in the convention and facts and figures on all denominations. It will answer most any question you may desire about our work at home and abroad. A large book. Every pastor should have a copy, and every church should have a copy in its library. Many other church leaders will want a copy. \$1.50 at the Baptist Book Store.

All Story Hour Leaders will profit by securing and studying the new beginner book, "Teaching The Beginner Child." This is a book written specially for teachers in the Beginner Department of Sunday School, but anyone working with that age group will find the book helpful to them in their work.

The Junior Baptist is our newest study course book and will be welcomed by all Junior Union leaders. It is now ready for you so plan to organize a class in it for your Juniors right away. Regular price 35c.

108 different unions were standard for at least one quarter in 1947. Juniors led with 26 and adults came second with 21. We had six standard Associations and eight standard Training Unions. Our best year.

Kilmichael had successful study course with pastor John A. Wade teaching the Juniors, Rev. W. M. Hull teaching the Young People and Mr. R. P. Sugg teaching the Adults. Broth-

er Wade in reporting the work commends most highly the work of Brother Sugg and Brother Hull, heartily recommending them to any church who might need someone to help with this type of work. The attendance in the Kilmichael school averaged 67 with 57 qualifying for study course credit. Certainly congratulations are in order.

113 Attend Rankin Meeting Through Storm

Thanks to Mrs. George Phillips, Associational Secretary for Rankin Co. for a good report on their recent meeting. The associational met at Riehlend church and although it was a stormy night seven churches were represented with 113. Eastside won the Attendance banner. Plans for the next meeting were made and at that meeting the elimination contest will be held and representatives for the District Convention will be chosen. The meeting will be at Pearson church May 27, 7:30 p. m. It is hoped that every church in the association will be represented. Rev. L. S. Polk is the associational director and is leading in a fine way.

Thanks to Mrs. C. D. Brinson, Director of the White Sand, Jeff Davis Co., Training Union for a splendid report. Mrs. Brinson says "We are growing all the time, we now have room for them all, however we are building a new church so it will not be long before we will have better equipment." White Sand is one of our best rural churches and we are glad to have this word from them.

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Long Creek Church Has Youth Revival

Long Creek Church, Lauderdale County, recently had a week-end youth revival with Rev. Glen Dismukes, pastor at Mt. Vernon Church, Mobile, bringing the messages. The young people of the church had charge of the music program; Winster Creel served as song leader and Jaynese Davis served as pianist.

During the revival, there were 15 additions to the church, 12 by baptism. This brings the total additions during the five months that Pastor Edward McKeithen has been on the field to 32, 20 of these by baptism, according to Training Union director, Mrs. H. K. Smith.

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MRS. A. SINGLETARY, MARCH 3, 1948
WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom and with all His tender mercy looked down and called to her reward one of His children who had served Him faithfully for many years.

BE IT RESOLVED, That we as members of the First Baptist Church, Crystal Springs, Mississippi, thank God for her long life of Christian service and the Christian spirit which she manifested.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we, the ladies of the W. M. U. extend to this family our deepest sympathy and commend them to the Greatest of all Comforters who is able to sustain in every way.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be given the family, a copy given the Baptist Record for publication and a copy spread on the minutes of our church.

MRS. M. D. MORTON.
MRS. W. J. SCOTT
MRS. CARL MILLS

LAKEVIEW CHURCH PLANS BUILDING PROGRAM



REV. H. A. MERRITT

Under the leadership of Pastor Herman A. Merritt, who was recently ordained to the Gospel ministry, Lakeview Church, Hattiesburg, is making steady progress.

During the short time that Rev. Mr. Merritt has been there, there have been 17 additions to the church 11 by baptism. The Sunday School and Training Union have greatly increased. Mid-week prayer service has averaged 30 in attendance.

The church is making plans to erect a new building in the near future, according to church clerk, Mrs. E. S. Mixon.

Mr. Merritt is a native of Hattiesburg. He and his wife, the former Ellen Williams, have three children, all of whom are active church workers.

RA FATHER-SON BANQUET HELD AT BELZONI CHURCH

The Associational Father and Son banquet sponsored by the Royal Ambassadors in an annual event in Deer Creek Association. This year the church was Belzoni, Rev. Chester Mopus, pastor. There were 175 men and boys who enjoyed this occasion.

Wesley Miller, Associational Brotherhood president, acted as master of ceremonies. Rev. Wilfred Lee of Leland was the principle speaker. Others on program were: Walter Bisbee, state RA leader; Mrs. A. N. Alexander, district young people's leader; Mrs. Charles Dean, associational young people's leader; Rev. Harold Douglas, associational missionary.

Pictures of Camp Garaywa were shown and plans were made for a large representation from Deer Creek to attend camp this summer.

The following churches were represented: Belzoni, Arcola, Anguilla, Rolling Fork, Hollandale, Darlove, Leland, Greenville, East.

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Railroads Park Pullmans To Accommodate SBC Overflow

MEMPHIS, Tenn. —(BP)— A dozen or more pullman cars will be parked on side tracks in Memphis' Union Station to help house messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention here, May 19-23.

Learning that an acute hotel room shortage threatened to cut attendance at the coming meeting from the anticipated 10,000 people, officials of the various railroads entering Memphis consulted entertainment committees and offered use of the park space.

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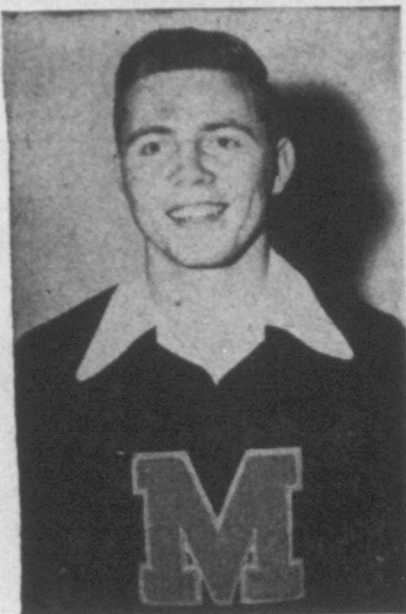
By Edward Hughes Pruden, Pastor
First Baptist Church,
Washington, D. C.

A great deal of interest is now being demonstrated among Southern Baptists as to what the relationship of our Convention should be to certain churches and state conventions which have applied for membership in the Southern Convention but which are located in areas ordinarily considered to be Northern Baptist territory. Much of the discussion is based upon misconceptions of the disunity among people who should be speaking in these days with one mighty voice.

Since the inference is so frequently made that there is a vast difference between the spirit and program of the Northern Convention and that of the Southern Convention, it might be of interest to many to know that thousands of Baptists in the United States are very pleasantly related to both our Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions. Our District of Columbia Convention, made up of 35 churches, has been affiliated with both conventions for a number of years and most of our churches find this relationship both challenging and stimulating. The same can be said of a number of churches in St. Louis and Kansas City. The vast majority of the Baptists in our National Capital are from the Southern Convention. Most of these Southern Baptists have no difficulty whatever in being affiliated also with the Northern Convention and participating enthusiastically in the program which that Convention promotes.

In view of the fact that a Kansas convention of Southern Baptist churches has applied for admission into the Southern Baptist Convention on the grounds that "they are desirous of a more aggressive missionary and evangelistic program than their present denominational relationships afford," it is interesting to remember that the pastor of the largest Baptist church in Kansas, the First Baptist of Wichita, is Dr. F. B. Thorn, who went to Wichita after a very successful pastorate at the Second Baptist Church in Houston, Texas, and who has cooperated fully with the Northern Baptist Convention since arriving in Kansas and is now serving as a member of its Foreign Mission Board. It is also interesting to note that another member of the Northern Foreign Mission Board is Dr. J. Maurice Trimner, who is now pastor of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church in Huntington, W. Va., and who until recently was the beloved pastor of the First Baptist Church in Macon, Ga. Dr. Edward B. Willingham, the son of our great Southern Baptist leader in the field of foreign missions, has had the same experience. He has served a Southern Baptist leader in the field of foreign missions, has had the same experience. He has served a Southern Baptist church, a Northern Baptist church, and two that were affiliated with both, and he has been aware of no significant difference in the two groups. He has felt perfectly at home in both. The writer has had the privilege of being a member of the Northern Baptist Foreign Mission Board for ten years and at present is serving as the president of the Society. These are but a few of the Southern Baptists who have found no difficulty in working wholeheartedly with the Northern Baptist Convention and who have

BSU COUNCIL INSTALLED AT MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE



JAMES MERRITT

found within the Convention that same spirit of consecration and loyalty to Christ to which they have been accustomed in the Southern Convention.

It should be said too that the evangelistic and missionary program of our Northern Convention is promoted in a very effective and evangelical manner, and it is extremely difficult for many of us to understand why certain Baptists are inclined to find fault with the program as it is now conducted. As Dr. Reuben E. Alley has pointed out in the *Religious Herald*, the 550 foreign missionaries supported by the Northern Baptists with only 1,500,000 members compares most favorably with the 600 missionaries supported by Southern Baptists who have 6,000,000 members. The present Crusade for Christ Through Evangelism has been sweeping the Northern Baptist territory and the reports coming in from every area of the Convention are most inspiring and heartening. The recent successful conclusion of the World Mission Crusade, in which more than \$16,000,000 was given or pledged toward a goal of \$14,000,000 is another evidence of the spiritual vitality of our Northern Baptist brethren. Last year's statistics also indicate that Northern Baptists gained more members proportionately than did our Southern Baptists.

There is a type of conservatism in the North that is practically unknown in the South, and against which our Southern Convention must be on guard. It seems to exist particularly in areas where the patterns of European state churches have been transplanted in America and where many Baptists have an European state church background. It is characterized by an insistence upon creedal uniformity and ecclesiastical and liberty which has always been associated with the American Baptist spirit. Before becoming affiliated with the Northern Convention, I had always assumed that the conservatives of the North were similar to the conservatives of the South. Now after a number of years of active participation in the work of both Conventions, and after frequent contacts in committee meetings with representatives of the militant conserving groups, I am quite conscious that the difference between the two is great indeed.

Merritt Succeeds Tolbert As President

Wednesday evening, May 5, at the Clinton Baptist Church, the Mississippi College Baptist Student Union Officers for 1948-49 were installed at the regular prayer meeting hour.

O. L. Malone, Baptist Student Secretary, interpreted the occasion with a brief review of the history of the BSU.

Charles Tolbert, outgoing president, charged the new council to keep in mind the purpose of the BSU during the next year, that of linking the student with the local church.

James E. Merritt of Columbia, outstanding Christian athlete and campus leader, heads the council for next year. Other officers who will work with him are as follows: First vice-president, Bob Gwin, Apalachicola, Florida; Second vice-president, Bill Hardy, Georgetown; third vice-president, Pete Evans, Union; secretary, Dorothy Hannah, Clinton; treasurer, Roland Wilson, New Albany; Sunday School Representative, Billy Rogers, Collins; Training Union Representative, Frank Hart Smith, Greenwood; Librarian and public relations chairman, Ewilda Trenor, Louisville; reporter, James Fancher, Louisville; poster chairman, Frances Bibb, Drew; talent chairman, James McCaleb, Columbus; and *LaCadena* editor, Dorothy Dorris, Portland, Tennessee.

In addition to these officers which were elected by the Baptist students of

Issaquena Church In Unusual Revival

Additional evidence that God does not limit Himself to a certain number of days in a particular month was shown recently during a week-end revival at Issaquena Church.

The pastor Rev. Cecil H. Avery, a student at Mississippi College, was assisted by the Rev. Hiram Barefoot, a fellow student from Webster County.

Mr. Barefoot magnified the Word in his messages, and the Lord in turn manifested His presence in each service. Of the twelve who came, eight made professions of faith, two came by baptism, and two by letter.

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Rev. John E. Barnes, Sr., retired Baptist preacher now living in Mobile, recently visited in Hattiesburg where his son, Rev. John E. Barnes, Jr., is pastor of Main Street Church. He writes in glowing terms of Hattiesburg and the Baptist churches there and was greatly impressed with the wonderful progress made by Main Street Church in the past few years.

the entire student body, the following president of various organizations will serve on the council: Bobby Simmons, president of the Voluntary Mission Band; Janie Williams, president of the YWA; and Joe Cooper, president of the Ministerial Association.

A reception was given honoring the incoming and outgoing councils at the home of Dr. and Mrs. D. M. Nelson after the service.

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Kentucky Missionary H. M. Herron started a revival when the coal-miners went out on strike. The miners came to the revival, and 16 were baptized.

Louisiana Baptists have moved their headquarters from Shreveport to Alexandria, Box 311.

Rev. Jack Cranford, Iuka pastor, recently led in a revival meeting at Golden Central Church, Golden. Rev. T. L. Parker is pastor. There were 40 converted, most of whom joined, Golden Central Church. At the close of the meeting the church voted to enter into a building program, and plans are being made for immediate action.

Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Suttle recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the home of their daughter, Mrs. J. Norman Coon, Monroe, Louisiana. Mr. Suttle was the first pastor of Northside Church, Jackson. Letters of congratulatory nature, beautiful flowers and gifts received throughout the day. Outstanding gifts were a set of Wedgewood china, golden banded crystal, and a beautiful gold framed mirror.

The Home Economics Club at Blue Mountain College has elected the following officers for the term 1948-49: President, Alfaline Jolly, Myrtle; vice-president, Nancy Kelly, secretary-treasurer, Gladys Taylor, Cordell, Okla.; reporter, Margaret Payne, Senatobia; publicity chairman, Clarice Griffin, Pontotoc; program chairmen, Maudean Burrow, Smithville, and Betty Winn, Laurel.

Gallman Church, Rev. B. L. McKee, pastor, recently licensed Tommy Channel, Mississippi College student, to the Gospel ministry. Mr. Channel is open for supply work.

Rev. B. L. McKee, half-time pastor at Gallman, is open for pastoral or supply work on the second and fourth Sundays.

Rev. and Mrs. James Smith Perryville, Kentucky are announcing the birth of a son, James Patterson. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smith of Richton, Mississippi; maternal grandparents are Mrs. M. O. Patterson of Clinton and the late Dr. Patterson, Head of the Bible Department at Mississippi College for many years.

BOSTON — (RNS) — Methodism's roots "are drying up in the rural sections" while Roman Catholics and Baptists are "planting churches in the countryside," Dr. David Lindstrom, University of Illinois professor of rural sociology, told delegates to the quadrennial General Conference of the Methodist Church here.

Missionary P. D. Sullivan of Brazil recently spoke at Elmo Church, Jefferson County, and gave interesting experiences concerning his work.

Sylvarena Church, located three miles west of Wesson, is planning a homecoming on May 30, according to Pastor M. P. Jones. Former pastors have been invited to take part on the program. A good program, including dinner on the ground, has been planned, and all friends of the church are cordially invited to attend.

Recent visitors in the office of the Baptist Record are as follows: Bob Black, Clinton, South Carolina; Rev. O. B. Beverly, Flora; Rev. Ivan Lowry, Hazlehurst; Rev. R. W. Porter, Collierville, Tenn.; Miss Helen Brock, Jackson; Rev. M. P. Jones, Wesson; Mrs. M. F. Rayburn, Meridian; Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Brown, Madison; Rev. B. L. McKee, Goldman; Rev. J. N. Brister, Oil City; Rev. Earl Brooks, Hopewell; Miss Cornelia Eastland, Raymond; A. E. Iverson, New York; Henry N. Booman, Jackson; Mr. and Mrs. James J. Hickey, Jackson.

The Scribblers Club of Blue Mountain College has elected the following officers for the term 1948-49: President, Margaret Thompson, St. Petersburg, Fla.; vice-president, Georgiann Bliss, Vicksburg; secretary-treasurer and archivist, Patsy Clark, Paden.

The average Sunday School attendance for First Church, Crystal Springs, Rev. M. D. Morton, pastor, for the period February 29 — May 5 was 768.

The Iuka Baptist Church Ordained Bro. T. R. Bonds to the full work of the Gospel Ministry on Sunday May 2. Rev. E. E. Neill, Missionary of Tishomingo County, delivered the Ordination Sermon. Rev. C. C. Perry delivered the Charge, the dedication prayer was delivered by the Pastor, Rev. Jack Cranford, who also presented the Bible. The members of the Ordaining Council were: Rev. Jack Cranford, Moderator, Rev. A. W. Jackson, Clerk, Rev. E. E. Neill, Rev. C. C. Perry, Rev. W. A. Hamilton and Rev. W. C. Hamilton.

The revival at Duncan Baptist, April 18-27, resulted in 12 additions, 10 for baptism. Dr. Mark Harris, of Speedway Terrace Baptist Church in Memphis did the preaching, and Prof. Nick Walker, Superintendent of Schools in Shelby led the singing. In spite of busiest week of the year in the Delta, good cotton-planting weather, with planters running day and night, we had good crowds, and a splendid meeting. Both the preaching and singing were excellent. — F. V. MCFATRIDGE, Pastor.

Missouri Baptists, under the leadership of General Superintendent Dr. T. W. Medearis, have planned a full summer for the Missouri Baptist Assembly at Hollister, Missouri, on beautiful Lake Taneycomo in the "Shepherd of the Hills" country. There are 8 weeks of programs beginning June 21 and ending August 20.

Rev. J. B. Ray, formerly pastor of churches in Mississippi and more recently financial agent at Clear Creek Mountain School, Pineville, Ky., accepted the position of Associate Pastor to Dr. J. Dean Crain of the Pendleton Street Church, Greenville, South Carolina.

Construction has begun on the educational building at First Church, Booneville. This much needed structure will provide Sunday School space for 795, arranged in departments from nursery through adult departments. The building will also include ample space for recreational facilities (35 to 50 feet), kitchen and dining hall, library and church offices. The building is to be three stories high.

The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the 28th annual session of the George County Baptist Association which met with Lucedale Church October 9 - 10, 1947. Rev. J. N. Holloway was moderator and M. D. Rust, clerk.

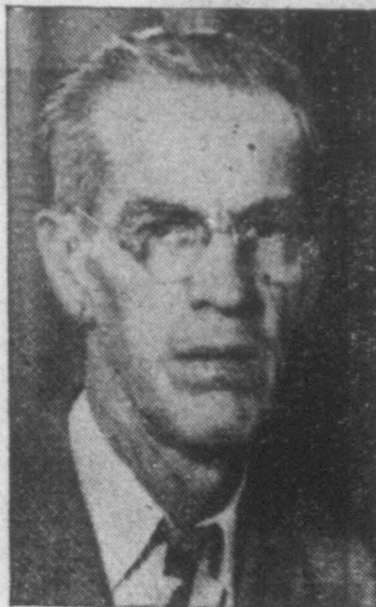
We are grateful to the friends of the Orphanage who continue to send us some of their "EGGS." We have received shipments as follows during the past week: W. M. U. of Gunnison, Mrs. J. M. Milling, President, eight dozen (this is their second shipment); W. M. U. of Wiggins Baptist Church, Mrs. P. A. Batson, President, thirty dozen; W. M. U. of Derma Baptist Church, Derma, Miss., thirty dozen. Thanks so much for all the children adn faculty. — W. G. MIZE, Supt.

A letter from Dr. Slater A. Murphy, Memphis, general chairman on entertainment for the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Memphis, reports that Memphis is ready for the Southern Baptist Convention. Expressing his gratefulness for the Christian spirit of consideration and cooperation maintained by the good people "called Baptists," he urges all who can to come to the convention, praying for the power of Good to be upon all.

The Orphanage will have thirteen boys and girls to complete their Eighth Year Grammar School Course of Study from the Orphanage School their year. Members of the class are, as follows: Boys: Donald Lee Fils, James Holland, Thaddeus Jones, Leon Kethley, and Sammie Rustin. Girls: Wilma Louis Bates, Louise Marshall, Barbara O'Brian, Edna Earl Penton, Marie Rustin, Joyce Simpson, Carolyn Whitley, Patsy Wright.

Mrs. O. Z. Fortenberry writes that under the leadership of Rev. J. B. Carpenter Smyrna Church, Copiah County, has gone to full time with a growing Sunday School, Training Union and Woman's Missionary Society.

C. B. Young Ordained



C. B. YOUNG

Buck Creek Church, Perry County, recently ordained C. B. Young to the Gospel ministry.

The presbytery consisted of the following: Rev. Paul Ball, Rev. I. C. Barrett, Rev. Luther Turner, Rev. Troy A. Sumrall, and Rev. W. L. Yeatman.

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The Window of Y. W. A. for June contains a two page article by Marianna Craighead, who was born in Bessarabia, Romania, and is now a student at Blue Mountain College, entitled, "I Am A Margaret Fund Student."

40 & 25 Years Ago

By Dr. J. L. Boyd Sr.
40 YEARS AGO

The Shubuta church had closed "one of the most remarkable meetings" that the pastor ever witnessed. "Eternity alone will be able to reveal the fullness of what the Lord has done for us," writes pastor J. J. Walker. Rev. H. R. Holcomb was the evangelist. Twenty one were received by baptism.

25 YEARS AGO

Pastor N. A. Edmonds announced that the Eupora Baptist church has gone beyond its quota for the \$75 Million Campaign for the past four years.

The Sumner Baptist church under the leadership of its pastor, Rev. J. A. Barnhill, made it possible for the editor of the Baptist Record to go to the Baptist Word Alliance at Stockholm for which he returns "profound gratitude."

The Belzoni Baptists under the leadership of pastor S. G. Pope had built "one of the most beautiful new brick church houses" to be seen anywhere. A former pastor, Rev. W. A. Sullivan, delivered an address at a banquet and a general meeting of the church.

Rev. R. A. Eddleman was with pastor T. J. Moore and the church at Tchula where the small band was increased by 17 additions.

Rev. A. A. Kitchings the reporter of the Mississippi Group at the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky., reported that Brother L. V. Young who for a long time successfully "peddled" "Wear Ever" cooking utensils, had full time preaching and was "successfully peddling the Gospel of our Christ."

Mississippi Calendar of Prayer

- May 17 — Miss Nellie Magee, Instructor of Speech and Dramatics, Mississippi College.
- May 18 — E. T. Jenkins, Principal of School, Baptist Orphanage.
- May 19 — Same Jones, Music Director, District 2.
- May 20 — Miss Daunie Jean Smith, Office Secretary, State BSU.
- May 21 — Mrs. Hattie Rhodes, Dietitian, Baptist Hospital.
- May 22 — W. M. Gerrard, Trustee, Baptist Memorial Hospital.
- May 23 — E. C. Edwards, Trustee, Mississippi Woman's College.

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Dr. Norman W. Cox pastor First church, Meridian preached in a revival meeting with the First Church, Sylacauga, Ala., Rev. Chester L. Quarles pastor, April 26 - May 4. There were 48 additions to the church. Pastor Quarles has made a great beginning in his ministry in Sylacauga.

The many friends of the Orphanage are invited to attend the closing exercises and programs of their school in the Byrd Memorial Chapel and Auditorium, Jackson, Mississippi, as follows: Thursday, May 13th—7:30 p. m.: Play by Eighth Grade Students, "Miss Janie; or, a Curtailed Courtship." Friday, May 14th—7:30 p. m.: Awarding of certificates to eighth grade pupils. Operetta, "Flowers of the Nations"—Presented by Children of the Primary Grades.

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Europe Is Calling

M. A. Huggins
North Carolina State Mission
Secretary

Ever since I was in Europe last summer I have been all but obsessed with the idea that we here in America should be sending Europe something besides food, machinery, etc. They need all that, and I am strong for every possible aid to them so that they may get on their feet again economically. One does not begin to understand the situation in England until he faces the fact that the United Kingdom in territory is not twice as large as North Carolina, and yet has a population of some 45,000,000 as against a population in North Carolina of about four million. There is a concentrated population likewise in France, Belgium, Germany, Denmark, and other countries.

I am thinking at the moment of England in particular. Let's continue to send all the financial help and encouragement we can in every way, but is there not something else we can send to England besides, money, credits, and arms?

Long ago Paul answered the call to come over from Asia into Europe. European Christian civilization had its beginning at the time he answered the call. That civilization is now at a very low ebb. We in America are the heirs of that civilization. Is our religion vital enough to vitalize others? Is it vital enough to desire to vitalize others?

Assuming that our English Baptist brethren would desire that we undertake to help them, and would welcome us, should we not undertake to send from the Southern and Northern Baptist Conventions 25 to 50 of our best men from our strongest churches sometime in the near future? We have 50 churches who can spare their pastors for from three to six months, provide their expenses of rehabilitation. Personally I believe it would do our churches good to send their ministers on such a mission. I can visualize these men going to and from in England, speaking in the churches and in public places, preaching repentance, faith, and righteousness to the Christians and to the people of England. Personally I should like to see our conventions, through their Foreign Boards, and in cooperation with the Baptist World Alliance, attempt such a program as soon as possible.

We have a loyal group of Baptists in England, some 400,000 of them we are told; and they are supporting about 500 missionaries. They need our help and encouragement. Besides, such a visitation might well result in a revival in England and on the continent. At least we could pray for and work for such a consummation, and the reflex action on our churches in this country would be of untold value.

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LIBERTY HILL CHURCH TO OBSERVE HOMECOMING

Liberty Hill Church, Panola County, will dedicate their new educational rooms and observe homecoming on Sunday, May 23.

A picnic lunch will be served at the noon hour. Church members and friends, both near and far, are invited.

The morning program includes special music, Scripture reading by J. O. Oliver, a thanksgiving prayer, offering, the church history, and the sermon by Rev. J. H. Sherman.

The afternoon program will be given to congregational singing and special music.

Renfro Begins Work As Jones County Missionary



REV. J. T. RENFRO

Rev. J. T. Renfro has recently begun his work as associational missionary for the Jones County Association. With brother Renfro are his wife and two daughters. They reside at Laurel, in the lovely home recently purchased by the association for the use of the missionary and his family.

Mr. Renfro came to Jones County Association from Shaw, where he served the Shaw Baptist Church in Bolivar County and Fairview Baptist Church in Sunflower County as pastor for four years, and lately, the Leland Baptist Church as interim pastor for three months.

Mr. Renfro is qualified by training and experience for his work in Jones County. He received his training in the Baptist Schools of Texas, including the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Twice before he has served as associational missionary; first with the Wichita County Baptist Association at Wichita Falls, Texas, then with the San Antonio Baptist Association at San Antonio, Texas. Later he served under appointment of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, working with the soldiers of the U. S. Army. Then for three years he was an evangelist, associated for a time with the late Dr. T. T. Martin and his Blue Mountain Evangelists. For the past number of years he has served as pastor.

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Evangelical Press Association Formed

CHICAGO —(RNS)— Fifty editors representing 35 conservative Protestant denominations formed the Evangelical Press Association at a meeting here. Their journals were stated to have a combined circulation of over three million.

Membership in the new group will include editors of official church periodicals, Sunday school journals, interdenominational newspapers and magazines, and specialized periodicals in the fields of missions, youth and education. Publishers also will be included.

The Association will offer its members technical advice, syndicated services, fellowship, and will encourage united action in public affairs.

First official meeting of the group will probably be held next year when a constitution will be adopted.

NORTHERN BAPTISTS TO KEYNOTE EVANGELISM, FREEDOM

BALDWIN HAS BTU REVIVAL

Under the leadership of BTU Director James Aldridge and Pastor, Dr. R. L. Palmer, First Church, Baldwin, recently experienced a Training Union revival. A total attendance of 79 was attained during the week.

Each night the classes spent 50 minutes in classroom instruction, a period of recreation under the leadership of Rev. Joe Abrams, pastor at Shuqualak, and another 50 minutes of study.

The following were leaders during the week: Story Hour, Mrs. Basil McVey; Juniors, Mrs. Vernon McGee; Intermediates, Mrs. Tom Gordon; Young People, Mrs. Kirk Heflin; Adults, Rev. Joe Abrams.

Every department showed a marked increase in attendance. The Juniors broke all records by making 309 personal contacts during the week. An adult union was organized under the guidance of Brother Abrams.

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GOOD PROGRAMS PLANNED FOR WEEK AT RIDGECREST

Many of the best speakers of the Southern Baptist Convention have been engaged for the home mission week at Ridgecrest, June 1 through 8.

Evangelism and rural life will be emphasized, although all phases of the work of the Home Board will be studied.

Dr. C. E. Matthews announces six hours of conferences on methods and techniques of evangelism. The topics are: "Southern Baptists' Program of Evangelism"; "Setting Up the Steering Committee for Simultaneous Crusades"; "The Organizer and General Chairman for Simultaneous Crusades"; "The Religious Census—How to Take It, How to Use It in Cities and Counties"; "Publicity for Revival Crusades, City and Rural"; "The Use of Radio in Evangelism"; "The Director of Simultaneous Crusades and Fellowship Meetings"; "Prayer Program in a Revival"; "Getting a Maximum of Good from State-wide Evangelistic Conferences"; "Extension, Colportage, High Attendance Day, and Drawing the Net"; "Conservation of Results"; and "Special Rallies and Finances."

Special conferences on good will center work will also be held.

America's Christian Frontiers is the name of the resource book for the 1948 graded series on home missions. Mrs. Lawrence, author of the book, makes a study of Spiritual Frontiers, Amazing Grace, The Ice Cutter, These Were First, and Strawberry Road, and makes suggestions as to teaching plans and background materials.

The book was released by the Home Mission Board to the book stores during the past month and is now available through state Baptist book stores.

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SOUTHERN TRAILWAYS

MILWAUKEE, Wis. —(RNS)— About 1,500,000 of the nation's Baptists will be represented by 5,000 messengers at the forthcoming annual meeting of the Northern Baptist Convention here. The six-day session is expected to get under way on May 24.

Keynote themes of the convention will be evangelism and freedom of conscience. World peace, the Federal Council of Churches, an enlarged unified budget, race relations, and segregation in Convention institutions are also expected to come up for discussion.

A town-meeting program on universal military training will be presented on May 29. The program will be entitled: "Is Increased Military Might for America the Road to Peace?"

Speakers at the town-meeting will include Dr. Daniel Poling, Philadelphia pastor who is a member of the President's Commission on Universal Military Training; Dr. Bernard Clausen of Cleveland, O.; Walter White, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, New York; and Perry Brown, Beaumont, Tex., businessman who acts as chairman of the American Legion's Commission on UMT.

There is a question whether the minority Conservative Baptists' Association of America will secede from the Convention during the meetings here. The conservatives have frequently threatened to withdraw because of a difference of opinion concerning Biblical truths. They have scheduled a meeting here immediately prior to the convention to discuss possible action.

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ROBERT BRUCE RED

Robert Bruce Red was born near Union, Miss., March 16, 1862 and lived most of his life in this state.

He was a faithful member of the 41st Avenue Church, Meridian. He was a humble Christian, a true and faithful husband, a loving father, and loyal friend and citizen.

He was stricken with a heart attack on March 26 and died April 1, 1948, being 86 year old.

He was an untiring worker and wanted always to be doing something worth while. He loved his Bible and was never more satisfied than when he came in after work and read the wonderful words contained in its pages.

During his illness and extreme suffering, he gave abundant testimony of his faith in God.

Thou art —

"Just gone within the veil, where I shall follow,

Not far before me, hardly out of sight, I, down beneath thee, in this cloudy hollow,

And thou far up on yonder sunny height Oh, how I miss him!"

But —

"Meet again! Yes we shall meet again, Though now we part in pain,

Dearest, what delight again to share Our sweet communion there;

To walk among the holy ransomed throng, Though now I am sad and lonely,

I stand and calmly wait till the hinges turn for me."

His devoted Wife

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"If ye had 50,000 people collapsing in public from polio, if two were dying each month in the city jail and there was no record how many were dying privately, there would be a public furor and demand for public health action." So said Judge Cleo Miller, of Houston, Texas, in commenting on the fact that 50,000 men and women go to jail every year in Houston for public drunkenness and twenty-four die in jail every year from acute alcoholism. — Baptist Review.